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OUTLINES.

Gen Roberts reports that his cavalry turned the enemy's flank, forcing the Boers to retreat; a British mounted force has invaded the Transvaal. —— A case of what is supposed to be bubonic plague has been discovered in San Francisco. —— Fire in Philadelphia caused losses of over $700,000.—— Smallpox epidemic in Hinds county, Miss., is alarming; the death rate exceeds 75 per cent. —— It is estimated that seventy miners lost their lives in the explosion in West Virginia coal mines. —— N. Y. markets: Money on call steady, actual transactions at 2@2½ per cent., the last loan being at 2 per cent.; cotton quiet, middling uplands 9½c; flour fairly active at $3 85; wheat—spot firmer, No. 2 red 75½c; corn—spot steady, No. 2 40½c; oats—spot quiet, No. 2 28½c; rosin steady, strained common to good $1.70@1.72½; spirits turpentine quiet at 55½@56c.

WEATHER REPORT.

U. S. DEP'T OF AGRICULTURE, WEATHER BUREAU, WILMINGTON, N. C., March 7.

Temperatures: 8 A. M., 57 degrees; 8 P. M., 52 degrees; maximum, 71 degrees; minimum, 52 degrees; mean, 62 degrees.

Rainfall for the day, T; rainfall since 1st of the month up to date, .34 inches.

FORECAST FOR TO-DAY.

WASHINGTON, March 7.—For North Carolina: Generally fair Thursday and Friday; fresh north to east winds

Port Almanac--March 8.

Sun Rises	6 29 A. M.
Sun Sets	6 01 P. M.
Day's Length	11 H. 34 M
High Water at Southport.	1 25 A. M.
High Water, Wilmington.	3.55 A. M.

In 1870 this country produced 36,806,560 tons of coal to 123,682,935 for Great Britain. Last year it produced 244,000,000 tons to 234,000,000 for Great Britain.

The execution of Antonio Ferraro, the murderer, in Sing Sing prison, was a shockingly bungling performance. It took five shocks to kill him, when one should have done it.

As a multiplier Mrs. Burke, of La Crosse, Wis., holds the record so far. She has added five to her family within eighteen months, first twins, next triplets, and all "doing well."

The opinion in Washington is that there is little probability of Congress adjourning before midsummer. It will have its hands full up to that time with Philippine and other matters.

The Boston man who wagered that he could drink a quart of whiskey within two minutes did it, and then it didn't take him quite ten minutes to die. There are some things that even a Boston man can't do with impunity.

Mr. Sibley, of Pennsylvania, who has achieved some notoriety from the rapidity with which he can change base, isn't in Congress for the emoluments, but for recreation. He divided his salary for this year among five hospitals in his district.

When Mrs. Walsh, the richest denizen of Middletown, Indiana, built her snug $25,000 hotel she concluded she wouldn't put herself in the power of a monopoly so she had a well bored in her back yard and tapped her subterranean gas tank, with which she now lights up and heats her hotel. And now she is going to light the town with it.

According to indications the farmers of Georgia are spreading themselves to plant a big crop of cotton this Spring. It is said that a million more fertilizer tags have been sold this year than last, and that some of the farmers will plow up their oats to plant cotton, and before this time next year they will want somebody to kick 'em for their foolishness.

The London *Times* announces that the good Queen has made a sacrifice on account of the racket England is going through just now. She has given up her trip to the Rivera and resolved to remain home and face England's inhospitable spring winds. And the *Times* indulges in a lot of gush over this royal "sacrifice." And yet there are noble women "sacrificing" themselves in the hospitals, in South Africa, nursing the sick and wounded soldiers, perilling their lives every hour and going through trying hardships day after day, and they are rarely mentioned.

Mr. Ramsey's Lecture.

Mr. Joe Ramsey, the blind Epworth League wonder, delivered another of his interesting lectures last evening at Fifth Street M. E. church, at which there was a large attendance, and to those who heard his lecture at Grace church on Tuesday night, it goes without saying that they were superbly entertained.

LOCAL DOTS.

— The Workman case was again continued yesterday.

— Democratic Primaries for New Hanover county, Thursday, March 22nd.

— The game contests at checkers, chess, etc., at the Y. M. C. A. took place last night and were enjoyed by a large number of contestants.

— The black silk cape advertised in the STAR yesterday was lost on Red Cross street between Fourth street and Pine Forest (not Oakdale) cemetery.

— The old porch in front of the Opera House has now about all been torn away by Contractor Vollers and work has been begun on the new one.

— The annual meeting of the Chamber of Commerce will be held this afternoon at 3 30 o'clock in its rooms in the Seaboard Air Line building.

— The alarm of fire at 9.21 o'clock last night from box 46 was occasioned by a slight blaze, which did no damage, at the residence of Mr. E. Poezolt, No. 405 South Fifth street.

— The Postal Telegraph Company is distributing to customers a volume containing a list of its offices in the world and other interesting data concerning the company's business.

— Spirits turpentine on the local market yesterday was steady at an advance of half a cent, being quoted at 53½@54 cents. The crude turpentine market opened firm at $2.00 for hard and $3.25 for dip.

— A slight touch of the cold wave predicted by the Weather Bureau came in on time last night, but it was not so severe as to detract from the refreshing feeling that would naturally follow the "balmy Spring days" that have been enjoyed this week.

— J. C. Wells, white, was arrested at the Delgado Cotton Mills yesterday afternoon for being drunk and creating a disturbance among the female operatives there, who were frightened by his untoward demonstrations and rowdyism. He was held for trial before Justice McGowan this morning at 10 o'clock.

— Newbern *Journal*: "Estimates as to the damage to the cabbage crop by cold weather place the loss at twenty per cent. in this vicinity. Cabbages are now showing improvement, so that the above estimate is considered fair, although it was thought the damage might prove greater. Lettuce has also been greatly hurt by the successive cold waves."

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

S. W. Sanders—My! My! My!
Notice—To jurors and witnesses.
Wilmington Savings & Trust Co.

PERSONAL PARAGRAPHS.

— Mr. C. L. Bunting, of Raleigh, is in the city.

— Mr. W. R. Hufham, of Rose Hill, is registered at The Orton.

— Mr. J. D. Sessoms, of Steadman, is in the city on one of his usual business visits.

— Mr. D. H. Penton returned yesterday from a business trip to Richmond and other points in Virginia.

— Mr. C. B. Hatch, the popular excursion manager of Mount Olive, was among yesterday's arrivals in the city.

—Mrs. W. L. Latta returned yesterday from an extended visit to friends and relatives at Louisville, Ky., and Nashville, Tenn.

— Prof. F. Musto, of Philadelphia, has arrived in the city and will be engaged for the future as instructor of the Second Regiment band.

— Mrs. J. B. Blount, who has been visiting in Wilmington for some time, returned to her home in Washington, N. C. yesterday. She was accompanied by her sister, Miss Nora Angel, who will spend some time in Washington.

—Mr. J. H. Rehder, senior member of the firm of J. H. Rehder & Co., left last night for a ten days' business trip to New York, where he will purchase the Spring and Summer stock for his big department store near Fourth street bridge.

Pender Court Adjourned.

Solicitor Rudoph Duffy arrived in the city yesterday from Burgaw, where Superior Court, Judge Brown presiding, has been in session this week. The only important cases for the term were a number in which the Wilmington and Weldon railroad was defendant and a number of property owners of Pender were the plaintiffs, it having been alleged that their lands were damaged by a fire started from the defendant company's locomotives. All these were continued until next term and the court was adjourned.

Off For Newbern.

The Boston Star Concert Company, under the proprietorship and direction of Prof. S. A. Scholss, reference to which was made in yesterday's STAR, left yesterday afternoon for Newbern, where they appeared last night. They will give another one of their concerts at Kinston to morrow night and at other cities in the State later, probably closing a tour of the Carolinas with an entertainment here. Fifty cents for reserved seats is the admission price advertised.

Do you want 2,000 or 3,000 old newspapers at your own price? If so, call at the STAR office. They make a cheap wrapping paper. †

MERCHANTS' MEETING

Board of Directors of the Association Held an Interesting Session Yesterday.

MR. BINGHAM'S HOUSE BILL.

Endorsed as a Measure to Extend American Commerce in Foreign Countries--"Endless Chain System" Condemned.

A meeting of the Board of Directors of the Wilmington Merchants Association held yesterday afternoon in the Association rooms in the Seaboard Air Line building, a resolution endorsing Congress Bingham's bill introduced in the House of Representatives December 5th last, appropriating $200,000 out of any moneys in the Treasury not otherwise expended for the maintenance of the Philadelphia Museums was adopted and representatives in Congress from North Carolina were requested to support it.

The adoption of the resolution evoked a lengthy discussion which was participated in by all present, among whom were Col. W. A. Johnson, the president of the association, Mr. W. E. Worth, the president of the Chamber of Commerce, Mr. Geo. R. French, Mr. A. B. Skelding, Mr. M. W. Jacobi and Mr. R. W. Hicks. The point of discussion was the proviso in the bill which stipulates that the collection from foreign markets of samples of merchandise of the character in favor and demand therein and the illustrations of the manner in which merchandise should be prepared and packed, etc., for which the appropriation is designed, together with all data that the bureau of information of the Philadelphia Museums may obtain from its various foreign agents, shall be distributed free to boards of trade, chambers of commerce and other trade organizations through out the United States for the information of the American people and to assist them in extending their trade with and in opening new markets with for eign countries.

Some of those present were of the opinion that this exhibit could not be furnished in accordance with the provisions of the bill without considerable expense to the city interested and that if the Merchants' Association of Wilmington could not secure the same, there would be no object in supporting the resolution.

Mr. C. A. Green, assistant chief of the bureau of information of the museum, however, visited the city several months ago and brought the matter to the attention of Mr. Worth and others of the Association and gave positive assurance that the exhibit could be had here, and upon these representations it was at length decided to adopt the resolution, which is as follows:

WHEREAS, The Congress of the United States has appropriated by Public Act No. 4, approved December 21, 1898, the sum of $50,000 for a collection from foreign markets of samples of goods made abroad, which are sold in the open markets of the world in competition with those of American manufacture; and,

WHEREAS, The initial collection of foreign samples is kept perpetually on free exhibition, under the auspices of the Philadelphia Museums, in the city of Philadelphia, to the great advantage and benefit of American manufacturers and producers; and,

WHEREAS, There has been introduced into Congress a bill for an appropriation of $200,000 to the Philadelphia Museums for the purpose of completing the collection from foreign markets of samples of merchandise of the character in favor and demand therein, and of illustrating the manner in which merchandise for such markets should be prepared and packed, together with necessary business data concerning said samples and trade conditions abroad as will be of the most benefit to American manufacturers, merchants and producers, and to aid and assist them in extending their trade with, and opening new markets in foreign countries; therefore, be it.

Resolved, That the Merchants Association of Wilmington, N. C., hereby thoroughly and fully endorses the plan, work and beneficial results accomplished by the Philadelphia Commercial Museum, and urges its Representatives and members in Congress to support Bill H. R. 887 and Senate No. 417.

Resolved further, That a copy of this resolution be transmitted to each member of the North Carolina delegation in Congress and to Dr. W. P. Wilson, Director of the Philadelphia Commercial Museum.

The "Endless Chain System."

Another matter which brought forth some discussion and many explanations was the "endless chain system" af disposing of various articles of merchandise. which has been inaugurated in Wilmington by several Northern houses and which is said to be interfering largely with more legitimate traffic. The system is already too well known to the public to enter into an explanation, and the disapprobation of the board of directors was expressed in the following resolution introduced by Mr. Skelding and unanimously adopted:

WHEREAS, The attention of the Merchants' Association has been called to numerous "endless chain systems" which have been lately introduced into this community for obtaining shoes and other merchandise, etc; be it

Resolved, That these attempts to obtain goods for less than their value is injurious to the interests of the business people of the place, and that those who are attempting to push such schemes are imposing on their friends and forcing them to contribute to their benefit without any compensation.

—Rev. B. W. Spilman, Field Secretary of the Baptist Sunday School Board, was in the city yesterday on his way to Kinston from points in Columbus county, where he has been engaged for several days,

HARNETT COUNTY CONVENTION.

Democrats Pass Resolutions on National Issues—Endorse Hon. D. H. McLean.

The STAR regrets that it is unable to publish in full the proceedings of the Harnett County Democratic Convention, which was held Monday at Lillington. The attendance was unusually large and ringing resolutions were adopted unanimously renewing pledges of loyalty to the principles enunciated in the Chicago platform, endorsing the course of Mr. Bryan in his efforts to suppress trusts and combines; declaring for an income tax; denouncing the imperial policy of the Republican party; pledging the undivided and indivisible support of the true white men of the county to the constitutional amendment; pledging united support to the ticket which the State Convention may put in the field on the 11th of April next, and presenting with most enthusiastic endorsement the name of Hon. D. H. McLean to the State Convention for the office of Secretary of State.

Mr. McLean addressed the convention in a speech of great eloquence and power and of him the STAR correspondent says:

As an orator Mr. McLean has no superior in the State. He has stood by the fortunes of the people of Harnett in prosperity and in adversity, and for more than twenty-five years has been their most tried and trusted leader. His private character is above reproach; his democracy has ever been of the purest type and there is no honor which the people of Harnett would not be willing to confer upon him if in their power.

WILMINGTON SAVINGS AND TRUST CO.

Annual Meeting of Stockholders Held Yesterday Afternoon—Cashier Elected.

Yesterday at noon in the bank building on Princess street the annual meeting of the stockholders of the Wilmington Savings and Trust Company was held, a majority of the stock having been represented either in person or by proxy.

Mr. J. W. Norwood, president of the institution, made his annual report showing that during the year $22,300 had been paid in interest to depositors. The net profit to stockholders after paying all expenses and interest to depositors was something over 20 per cent. The number of new accounts received during the year was 932.

The old board of directors were re-elected and they are as follows: Mr. H. Walters, Mr. Geo. R. French, Mr. H. L. Vollers, Mr. Donald MacRae, Mr. J. W. Norwood, Mr. N. B Rankin, Maj. D. O'Connor, Mr. W. A. Riach and Mr. James S. Worth.

At a meeting of the board of directors after the session of the stockholders, Mr. J. W. Norwood was re-elected president. and Mr. H. Walters, vice president. Mr. Charles E. Taylor, Jr., who for the past several months has served very acceptably the patrons of the bank as acting cashier, was elected to the position of cashier.

OWNERSHIP OF A COLLIE.

Novel Case Will Be Heard Before Justice Bornemann This Morning.

An interesting contest over the ownership of a black and brown Scotch collie dog was "pulled off" in Justice Bornemann's court yesterday afternoon at four o'clock, the parties to the contest being Capt. Joe McRee, the genial city engineer, and Mr. H. L. Peterson, an employe of the Home Brewing Company. Capt. McRee, who was represented by George Rountree, Esq., alleges that the dog was purchased from Mr. McAllister, of Lumberton, and that the canine strayed away from home and was next found on the streets wearing a collar bearing the name of Mr. Peterson, who claims that the dog was raised by him and is a pet of the family. Peterson had papers issued against Capt. McRee for possession of the dog and upon these a practical hearing was held yesterday afternoon and adjourned until 11 o'clock this morning, when it will be concluded in the County Court Room.

Sunday School Workers' Conference.

All the indications now point to a very successful gathering of Sunday School Workers at the Y. M. C. A. on to morrow night. It is expected that a very large crowd will pack the auditorium to its fullest capacity. Miss Annie Slagle, by special request will sing "Jesus Lover of My Soul," to the air of "Last Rose of Summer," which will be one of the added attractions to the excellent programme already published. The STAR is requested to extend a cordial invitation to all adult members of Bible classes of the different denominational Sabbath Schools in the city as the teachers are largely drawn from this source. All retired Sunday School teachers will also be heartily welcomed.

The attendants are asked to bring copy of Gospel Hymns, as an interesting part of the programme will be the singing.

Basket Ball Game.

To-night at the Y. M. C. A. there will be an interesting match game of basket ball to which the public is invited. The teams have been arranged as follows:

E. Y. Davis (captain), N. S. McLaurin, H. E. Boney, H. C. Rancke and B. W. Marshall.

R. E. VanLear (captain), Love Davis, Frank Irving, E. F. Jones and W. R. Dosher.

Umpires—Geo. E. DeLano and T. J. Gause.

Referee—W. L. Latta.

Time keeper—W. F. Davis.

SCHOONER ISAIAH HART WENT DOWN FRIDAY.

Captain and Crew Rescued by Norwegian Barque Passat, Which Arrived in Port Yesterday Morning.

The Norwegian barque *Passat*, Capt. Aanonsen, which arrived in port yesterday from London to Messrs. Heide & Co., had on board Capt. George L. Welt and First Mate I. Jenkins, of the four masted schooner *Isaiah Hart*, of Boston, and her entire crew of seven other men, who were picked up Friday morning in latitude 31:30 north and longitude 75 west, which is about 250 miles south by southwest of Frying Pan Lightship, the schooner having gone down bow foremost there with everything aboard save the crew, including a cargo of 1,330 tons of coal from Baltimore for Galveston, Texas, whither the vessel was bound. Capt. Welt, Mate Jenkins and the crew are now being cared for at the Seamen's Home until they can provide themselves with funds to return home; Capt. Welt to Rockland, Me., and Mate Jenkins to Portland. Messrs. George Harriss, Son & Co. are the ill-fated schooner's agents here and are making the necessary legal records of loss.

The *Hart* is a vessel of 779 tons and and has visited this port in years past. She sailed from Baltimore on Saturday, February 24th, and encountered an east gale off Hatteras on Tuesday afternoon following. She reefed down but the gale continued with great ferocity until Thursday afternoon when it shifted to west by northwest and increased in violence until Friday morning when it took away the head gear and wrought other damage, giving the schooner a bad leak which filled her quickly with water and sent her down at the location named in about twenty minutes. The captain and crew then took the boat from which they were rescued by the *Passat* and drifted eastward for about five hours when the barque came upon them and rescued them all about noon Friday.

It was a queer coincidence, but by an inadvertency on the part of Capt. Aanonsen he was allowing his vessel to steer directly out of the course for Wilmington, and had he continued along his prescribed route he would have missed the little yawl with its crew of nine exhausted shipwrecked sailors.

Capt. Welt desires that the following card be published:

"EDITOR STAR: I desire to express my heartfelt thanks to Capt. A. Aanonsen, master of the barque *Passat*, for his heroic conduct in rescuing myself and crew from our yawl boat at sea, and for his kind and generous treatment of us while on board of his vessel. I also desire to express my thanks to the Seamen's Friend Society for taking such good care of us in our destitute condition.

"O. C. WELT,
"Master Schooner *Isaiah Hart*."

CRIMINAL COURT POSTPONED.

Judge Battle is Too Unwell to Come Next Week—The Docket.

Mr. W. R. French, Clerk of the Eastern District Criminal Court, was yesterday in receipt of a letter from Judge Dossey Battle announcing his sickness at his home at Rocky Mount with lagrippe, which threatens pneumonia. Judge Battle states in the letter that he will be unable to hold the session of New Hanover Criminal Court next week, and to this end Mr. French gives notice to jurors and witnesses in the advertising columns this morning that they need not attend as summoned.

As there are a large number of cases on the docket, and as the next regular term will not be held until Monday, June 4th, Judge Battle intimates in his letter that if it is deemed advisable he will try to arrange for a special term earlier than that time.

There are now 28 prisoners confined in the county jail for trial, 13 of whom are charged with larceny; 5 with assault with a deadly weapon; 2 for carrying concealed weapons and one each for the following offences: Assault and battery with deadly weapon, assault and battery, assault with intent to kill, turning in false fire alarm, non-payment court costs, fornication and adultery, bigamy, resisting an officer and nuisance. Including those out on bail there are more than 75 cases for trial.

Judge Battle was holding court at Newbern when he was taken sick and had to rush through the docket in order to leave for his home.

IREDELL MEARES FOR STATE SENATOR

The friends of Mr. Iredell Meares present his name to the Democratic primary for the nomination for State Senator from this district. Mr. Meares has been true to his party, true to his community, and in public and private life, has given freely of his time and talents to advance the best interests of this community.

He has been an active party worker for years, and worked untiringly in the last campaign, serving the party and the cause of New Hanover by day and by night, and merits the compliment of a handsome majority at the hands of the people.

He is eminently fitted to represent this district, and would in the Senate reflect credit upon this city, county and State.

† tf DEMOCRATS.

A Card.

I hereby announce myself a candidate for the nomination of State Senator from the counties of New Hanover and Brunswick; subject to the will of the Democratic Primaries.

Respectfully,
† tf GEO. L. MORTON.

FAVORABLE COMMENT

Superintendent Mebane Talks of Entertainment Received at Wilmington.

PLEASED WITH THE CITY.

Canvass for the Teachers' Assembly Meeting With Favor—Mr. B. G. Worth Writes Communication Regarding the Subject.

The committee of the Chamber of Commerce having in charge the arrangements for the meeting here of the North Carolina Teachers' Assembly, was fairly well satisfied yesterday with the number of responses made to its appeal for rates at hotels, boarding-houses, etc., and upon the whole the prospects are encouraging. There are many yet to provide for, however, and the committee especially desires that all those who can assist in accommodating the crowds incident to an occasion of this kind will to-day confer with some one of its members, giving rates, number they can accommodate, etc.

Speaking of his recent visit to Wilmington State Superintendent Mebane, on his return to Raleigh yesterday, said to the STAR'S Raleigh correspondent:

"I was met at the depot by Prof. John Blair, superintendent of the city schools, and Capt. Manning, county superintendent of schools of New Hanover county.

"I have never received anywhere in the State a more cordial welcome than was extended me by the people I met in Wilmington. The leading busy business men, many of them, called to see me, and the Chamber of Commerce had a special called meeting to hear my wants and wishes for the Teachers' Assembly. President Worth, of the Chamber of Commerce, appointed a special committee to proceed at once to see what could be done towards our wants and make definite arrangements for the meeting of the Assembly. This committee will report to me not later than Saturday of this week.

"The Young Men's Christian Association rooms make an excellent place for our meeting, good hall for the public work, good rooms for the committees, and nice parlors for rest to the weary teachers.

"We can arrange to spend from 3 to 6 o'clock P. M. each day at the beach, and a special trip on the steamer *Wilmington* down the river on Saturday will afford an opportunity to see places of historic interest, which will delight our teachers.

"While I had many courtesies shown me by different persons, yet I can mention only the special kindness shown me by Prof. Blair and Capt. Manning. These gentlemen did everything possible to make my visit pleasant Prof. Blair showed me his schools, which are most excellent. I was especially pleased with the general demeanor of the pupils of the High School.

"I found lady principals who are filling their positions most admirably so far as I could see. The idea has existed in certain sections that we must have men for principals. I am sure such is not a necessity as to Wilmington, as well as some other places clearly demonstrated.

"Capt. Manning, Col. Johnson and others carried me down to the beach Monday evening. Tuesday Capt. Manning drove me over the city and I saw the office of the county superintendent of schools, which by the way is a good one. I also saw the *Algonquin*, one of Uncle Sam's naval vessels. We were shown over the ship and what we saw would require a long time to describe, but to hear Capt. Willey, who is a most pleasant gentleman, in describing and showing us how to work his guns, speaking of hitting his mark by measuring his distance in miles, somewhat as we measure distance by yards, was one of the most interesting incidents to me."

Under the caption "Our Opportunity," Mr. B. G Worth yesterday favored this paper with the following timely communication anent the subject, which the STAR gladly gives space to:

Now is the time to show genuine Cape Fear hospitality. We can have the Teachers Assembly if we will. If our good ladies will take the matter in hand and say to the host of hard worked teachers of the State, come along, we will open our homes and our hearts to you and give you a good time. This body is composed largely of young women, and it is in their behalf that I appeal to our people. The men can take care of themselves. This will be a graceful thing to do, and all who will help will be amply rewarded in the consciousness of having done a good deed. Our railroads will not be behind in their liberality in making a low rate for the members of the Assembly, and we may even hope that the weather man will give us some fine June days for visiting old ocean, and enjoying her healthful breezes. Let every one who will, report promptly to some member of the committe, or any officer of the Chamber of Commerce, how many they can take care of. Respectfully,

B. G. WORTH.

Mr. Prince's Promotion.

It will be a source of genuine satisfaction to the numerous friends of Mr. George W. Prince, superintendent of the Wilmington office of the Life Insurance Company of Virginia, to know that his company has recognized his superior business management and has promoted him to a similar position to the one held here at Terre Haute, Ind., for which place he will leave about the 17th inst. While his departure from the city will be regretted, nevertheless, his good fortune will be warmly appreciated by his friends and the best wishes of these will go with him. Mr. R. B. Pegram, supervisor of this district, will be in charge of the office here until Mr. Prince's successor is appointed.

FOR SHERIFF,

OWEN FENNELL

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JANITOR J. M. BRANCH INJURED.

Fell Through to Basement of Court House Yesterday Afternoon.

Mr. Jordan M. Branch, janitor at the court house, yesterday afternoon sustained severe, if not permanent injuries, as a result of a fall into the basement of the building, a distance of about twelve feet, which was caused by the breaking in of the tiling at the northern or Princess street entrance, precipitating him upon a scaffolding below, which was not torn away upon the completion of the building a number of years ago.

For several days it has been noticed that the tiling and cement in which it was laid were giving way by reason of unsound sleepers under the floor, and yesterday afternoon Mr. Miles Costin, a brick mason, came to take up the tiling preparatory to having the old supports taken out and new ones substituted. Mr. Branch was assisting him and had removed one or two of the blocks of tiling, which are only about one-half inch thick, when the entire floor at which he was working and upon which he was standing collapsed, throwing him to the basement as stated. A number of other gentlemen from the offices in the building were looking on when the unfortunate accident occurred, as also Mr. Costin, but they escaped the fall.

Mr. Branch evidently fell upon his left hip as it was severely bruised and bleeding, when he was taken from the basement. One of his arms was also injured and there were severe bruises on other parts of his body. Dr. E. S. Pigford was hastily summoned and the injured man was sent to his home on corner Front and Castle streets, where he was reported as doing very well last night.

VERY ENJOYABLE ENTERTAINMENT.

By "Whatsoever Circle" of the King's Daughters Last Night.

The entertainment given last night by the "Whatsoever Circle" of the King's Daughters in the lecture room of the First Baptist church was a thoroughly enjoyable affair from every point of view, and quite a creditable sum was received for the benefit for which it was designed. Delicious refreshments were served during the evening and the following programme of musical numbers was admirably rendered:

Duet, "Fantasie" (Faust) by Miss Isabel Struthers and Mrs. M. L. Chasten.

Recitation by Miss Mildred Barber.

Piano Solo, "Mazurka" (Bohm) by Miss Bessie Montgomery.

Cornet Solo by Alvah Stanland.

Piano Solo, "Alpine Glow" (Oesten) by Miss Marie Clawson.

Soprano Solo, "Answer" (Robyn) by Miss Maude Bulluck.

Piano Solo, "Impromptu" (Thome) by Miss Eloise Taylor.

Piano Solo, "Presto" (Durand) by Miss Irene Peterson.

Posings in Delsarte by Miss Mabel Bowles.

Piano Solo by Willie Corbett.

Recitation, "Seeing Things" (Eugene Field) by Miss Irene Peterson.

Piano Solo, "To Spring" (Grieg) by Miss Isabel Struthers.

Chorus.

Justice Fowler's Court.

Mary Jane Brown, colored, was arraigned in Justice Fowler's court yesterday charged with an assault Tuesday morning upon Mary Eliza Nicholas, colored, the scene of the conflict being near the Hilton Lumber Company's mill. She was represented by Herbert McClammy, Esq., and was bound over to the Criminal Court in the sum of $50 which she gave. Iredell Meares, Esq., appeared for the prosecution. Paul Brown, the husband of the defendant, was tried upon a charge of using unnecessary violence in separating the combatants but in view of the circumstances he was let off upon payment of costs.

The case of John Smith, the white tramp, charged with the larceny of brass from the A. C. L. will come up this morning at 11 o'clock.

"China Wedding" Celebration.

In celebration of the twentieth anniversary of their marriage quite a large number of the friends of Mr. and Mrs. M. G. Tienken gathered last evening at their home, No. 406 Castle street, and felicitated them upon the happy event of their lives, and at a sumptuous supper served by Mr. and Mrs. Tienken to their guests many toasts were proposed and responded to wishing for the couple yet a long and happy career in life. Quite a number of handsome and costly presents were given and these were displayed at the celebration last night, which came in the nature of a surprise to those in whose honor the celebration was given.

Practice With Flash Light.

Capt. Willey, of the revenue cutter *Algonquin*, had his men at practice early last night with the flash and signal lights of his splendid vessel. The flash light was a "revelation to the natives" and more than one wag was afforded an opportunity of indulging in witticisms about the "queer light in the sky" as it was quaintly expressed by a superstitious darkey up town, who was not acquainted with what was going on down at the goverament wharf.

A Steward Dead.

The schooner *J. Manchester Haynes*, 688 tons, Capt. Matthews, bound from Portland to Charleston, S. C., which put in at Southport Tuesday, proceeded yesterday. The object of her visit was to bury the steward of the vessel, who died at sea a day or two previous. The steward from aboard the ill-fated schooner *Isaiah Hart* was secured for the rest of the voyage and he sailed aboard of her yesterday.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

LOST,
on Fourth street,
A LADY'S MUFF.
Finder will be suitably rewarded (and no questions asked) on leaving it at STAR office.
mar 6 3t

Owing to Sickness of Judge Battle
The Criminal Court will not convene on Monday next, the 12th inst. Jurors and witnesses need not attend.
W. R. FRENCH,
mar 8 1t Clerk Criminal Court.

IT IS A MISTAKE
As stated in yesterday's "Messenger" that there are no Business Houses FOR RENT one of the most desirable stores in the city now occupied by Flahblate Clothing Company
will be vacant from Oct. 1st.
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FOR RENT.

House northwest corner Fourth and Chestnut streets Eleven rooms; modern improvements Suitable for a boarding house. Apply to
D. O'CONNOR,
ma 4 3t Real Estate Agent.

MY! MY! MY!
What was it my wife told me to order from
"The Unlucky Corner?"
Oh Yes, I Remember.
ONE can of those delicious Jellied Hocks.
ONE pound of Juanbo Prunes.
ONE Springfield Ham.
ONE ca.. Mountain Rose Pears
ONE pound extra thin Chipped Beef.
"Tell Dan to chip it."
ONE pound Grenoble Walnuts.
Exchange call
S. W. SANDERS,
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Crackers,
Crackers, Crackers.
NO MORE USE IN ASKING IF CRACKERS ARE FRESH. WE BAKE THEM EVERY DAY.
Warren's Steam Bakery and Cafe,
Opposite Masonic Temple.
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The Two Desirable Stores
Formerly occupied by Mr. VanLaer, corner Fourth and Walnut.
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MULLETS, new catch.
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A GENERAL LINE OF CASE GOODS IN DEMAND AT THIS SEASON.
Sole agents for Rob Roy FLOUR.
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We are the agents here for
"J. P. Squires'" Choice Bellies,
Which have no equal on any market. We have sold these goods many years, and notwithstanding statements to the contrary, you can always find them in our stock.
VOLLERS & HASHAGEN,
ma 4 tf PROVISIONERS.

War, War, War.
The English may stop the Boers, but they cannot stop business. We are here yet with a few leaders: Rough and Ready, Red Wine, Long Leaf, Peach and Honey, and Uncle Isom Tobaccos. Queen of Virginia and War Eagle Cheroots. Three X Elgin Butter. Fall Candles. Toilet Soaps. Paper Bags and Twine, and
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of Flour, Sugar, Coffee, Rice, Molasses, Meats, Meal, Corn and Oats. Impossible to get it all in the paper, but call and we will show you a nice
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MOON'S PHASES.

New Moon 1, 6:25 a.m. — Full Moon 16, 3:12 a.m.
First Quarter 8, 0:34 a.m. — Third Quarter 24, 0:36 a.m.
New Moon 30, 3:30 a.m.

The Morning Star.

BY WILLIAM H. BERNARD.

WILMINGTON, N. C.

THURSDAY MORNING, MARCH 8.

"A GRIEVOUS BLUNDER."

The statesmen in Washington who concocted and became responsible for that Porto Rico tariff bill are beginning to hear from their constituents, especially from the West, where this monstrosity is denounced in the strongest language by men who stand by the party in nearly everything, but for whom this was too much. They denounce it not simply because they regard it as a disgraceful and odious piece of legislation, but because they feel that it imperils the party and makes its success in the next election very doubtful. Several of the strongest Republican papers in the West are unsparing in their denunciation of the bill and indignant at the shabby treatment of a people who deserved every generous consideration at the hands of Congress and of the American people, in whom they not only confidingly, but joyously trusted.

The Indianapolis *News*, the leading Republican paper in Indiana, gives free vent to its surprise and indignation and declares that it is extremely doubtful if the Republican party saddled with that measure could carry Indiana. But one of the severest and most cutting lashings it has received is by the Chicago *Times-Herald*, one of the most uncompromising and stalwart of Republican organs. Its denunciation is the more noticeable and the more significant because the *Times-Herald* has been looked upon as the Western mouthpiece of the Administration, its editor-in-chief and owner being a strong political supporter and a close personal friend of Mr. McKinley. But it doesn't mince words when it denounces this enormity. We quote the essential parts of this scoring editorial, because that paper speaks for a very numerous constituency and doubtless voices their sentiments on this bill. It says:

"It must be evident to the government at Washington by this time that the treatment of Porto Rico as alien to our institutions, foreign to our markets, and only entitled to our charity, contemplated in pending legislation, offends the universal sense of American justice and honor. When such a cool-headed and conservative constitutional lawyer and Republican as ex-President Harrison says, 'I regard the bill as a most serious departure from right principles,' it is time for the Republican majority in Congress to face the situation with the courage and wisdom that dares to acknowledge a grave mistake and undo a grievous wrong. Mr. Harrison merely packed into one sentence the well-nigh unanimous sentiment of Republicans of the Mississippi Valley.

"In the popular mind Porto Rico occupies a very different place from Cuba or the Philippines. It came under the protection of the Stars and Stripes more than willingly—gladly. The people do not forget, if politicians do, that we sent an army under Gen. Miles to conquer Porto Rico. That army went prepared to meet the fiercest resistance, not only from the soldiers of Spain, but from the inhabitants of the island. What was the fact? From the landing at the port of Ponce to the entrance into San Juan the resistance was nominal and the welcome was generous. Gen. Miles and his soldiers were everywhere greeted as deliverers. When they entered San Juan the children, dressed in white, strewed flowers before the feet or our marching host.

"Our conquest of Porto Rico was a peaceful ovation. There was no haggling over terms, no talk of independence, no quibbling about relations. Gen. Miles pledged the protection of the Stars and Stripes, and Porto Rico accepted the pledge with all that it implied.

"When we contrast the attitude of the Porto Ricans, loyally accepting the situation and confiding their future without question or condition to the honor of the United States, with that of the Cubans and Filipinos, we understand how the American people feel bound to extend to the former ungrudgingly every privilege and benefit that American institutions afford. This sentiment was reflected in the report of Governor General Davis, of the Porto Rico Commission, and of Secretary of War Root. It was imbedded in President McKinley's message of last December in words that met with instant approval throughout the Union. It seems little short of providential that the common will of 75,000,000 Americans to less than a million Porto Ricans should have found such simple yet imperishable expression in the very heart of a state document of over 25,000 words long.

"But there it is, telling us 'our plain duty' in a sentence that cannot and will not down."

And here editor Kohlsaat, the political supporter and personal friend of Mr. McKinley, looking on these two plain little words "our duty," becomes amazed and bewildered, and thus gives vent to his surprise:

"How came it that the President moved by the same impulse that yet sways the vast majority of his fellow-countrymen, has permitted himself to lend his influence to the perpetration of a political blunder that has sent a shudder of apprehension throughout the Union? It is a question that is being asked in every hamlet and home in the United States, and upon its answer depends more than was dreamed of in the mysterious meeting from which the Porto Rico bill came without a father and without a sponsor who would give to it his name."

He cannot understand how Mr. McKinley who three months ago so candidly told them it was their plain duty to remove tariff restrictions from the trade between Porto Rico and the United States, could be induced to forget his own words and line up for the monstrous measure which has caused so much indignation throughout the country. In a spirit of kindness, no doubt, by way of apology, this change of front is attributed to party fealty. It became a party measure, and therefore the President, as a Republican, gave it his support and at least tacit endorsement, in the face of his "plain duty" injunction. Mr. Kohlsaat may have intended this as the apology of a friend for an erring friend, but it is about as severe a criticism as could be made on Mr. McKinley, because it is substantially saying that while he professes to be the President of the whole people and not merely of the Republican party he is simply a partisan after all and a man without sufficient individuality, stamina or backbone to resist the machine managers when they decide upon a measure although such measure may be in opposition to his judgment and to the recommendations in his official papers. Mr. Kohlsaat could probably have found another reason in the pressure brought to bear by the beneficiaries of protection, who are expected to contribute freely to the next Republican campaign fund, which had a good deal to do with his support of a monstrosity whose paternity no man has yet acknowleged and no one is in a hurry to.

But it is the "dire possibilities" that trouble editor Kohlsaat as much, perhaps, as the outrageous measure which he so vigorously condemns. These "dire possibilities" are thus grouped in the conclusion of the editoral:

"Thus was the grievous blunder committed. How grievous and fraught with what dire possibilities, not only to the Republican party, but to the country, neither Congress nor the President could have foreseen. But they must realize now that the tariff section in the Porto Rico bill has aroused a storm throughout the country that will not down.

"If Congress and the President persist in their present course, nothing can save the Republican party from defeat next November. It will surely cost them the House of Representatives, and it may cost them the Presidency.

"Worse than any of these possibilities, it may involve the election of Bryan, with all that that implies.

"But one course is open to the Republican party. Let it face the situation with the only spirit that can compel respect in the presence of a stupenduous and humiliating blunder. Let it acknowledge the mistake and make haste to regain popular confidence by undoing the contemplated wrong to Porto Rico.

"There is no shame in retreating from the verge of a precipice before taking the last irretrievable step. The only salvation for the Republican party is through the gate that gives free trade to Porto Rico.

"The country looks to President McKinley to rise to the full stature of a statesman who dares to acknowledge a mistake and to undo a wrong."

This sounds like a cry of distress, but the party managers in Washington will not hearken to it. They realize that they have put their foot in it, and that crawfishing now wouldn't do them or the party any good. Mr. McKinley, who soon realized the grievous blunder he made by giving that measure his countenance and stultifying himself after his message recommendation, hastened to crawfish when he sent that message to Congress asking for authority to spend the duties collected in Porto Rico for the benefit of the Porto Ricans. This was a Presidential declaration that Congress, and he in supporting it, had committed a grievous blunder in the passage of that bill, for which they and their party will have to face the American people and take their chastisement for this infamous breach of a confided trust.

WALNUT TREES.

We have in these columns published a good deal about pecan and walnut trees and urged our farmers to plant them. At the suggestion of some citizen of Mecklenburg, the commissioners of that county are endeavoring to get the farmers along the macadamized roads to plant trees along these roads. In reference to this we clip the following from the Charlotte *Observer* because it shows the commendable interest the commissioners of that county are taking in this subject, and also because it gives some interesting information as to the walnut tree and its value:

"The commissioners propose to provide every farmer living on a public road with a species of good fruit bearing walnut, free of all cost to the farmer, with the request that each farmer plant as far as his land extends. The method of planting is simply to prepare a few feet of ground and then place the walnut in the soil with the hull on. In this way the walnut quickly sprouts and soon the miniature tree makes its appearance. The farmer is asked to work the place of planting and protect the young tree from being cut down or pulled up. This can easily be done without trouble or expense. The reasons for planting walnut trees are many and satisfactory.

"1st. They make a fine shade tree.

"2d. They are very valuable for timber and are becoming more so each year.

"3d. They bring rich returns from marketing the walnuts. Nearly all the public roads of France built or improved in recent times have the walnuts planted on either side and the returns to the French people are said to be looked upon as a reliable source of income. The trees, planted thirty feet aprt, being of quick growth, will in five yeats be beautiful to behold, as they stretch vista like before the gaze of the traveller. In years to come trees here and there can be removed for lumber and a new one put in its place, creating a source of income at practically no cost.

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"A walnut tree is peculiar, too, in that its roots strike down and consequently the land is not drawn immediately around it, giving that barren ness characteristic of so many trees. Grass will grow to the very bark of a walnut tree, nothing eats the walnut leaf and so the tree is protected in its growth. This is an opportunity for Mecklenburg to illustrate to her sister counties how to do things well, and it is hoped the farmers will encourage the commissioners in their effort to beautify and make more comfortable our county roads."

As walnut timber is becoming annually scarcer, with a considerably increasing demand for furniture, house finishings, &c., it is becomming annually more valuable. We read now occasionally of a single tree selling for more money than acres would have brought a few years ago. There is no element of chance in this business at all, provided the young trees be protected from injury. The man who plants them will be well rewarded, and find them the most valuable product of his farm, and one that costs little or nothing and requires but little labor and attention.

PRITCHARD'S HYPOCRISY.

In his speech at Newton last Saturday Senator Pritchard who is drawing his pay as Senator while he is down here stumping against the constitutional amendment, declared that if it be adopted "both white and colored will be disfranchised alike." Pritchard knew when he said that that he was saying something as devoid of truth as he is of political honesty, for he knew that not a single white man will be disfranchised by that amendment, unless by his own voluntary act. The amendment leaves the way open by which every white man in the State may be a voter; and that is one of the very things that Pritchard protests against as a discrimination against the negro. The so-called "grandfather" clause takes in every white native born man, and every other white man who had the right to vote in this or any other State previous to the adoption of this amendment, while there is ample time given to the young white men who cannot read or write to learn how and thus qualify themselves to register and become voters.

But it isn't the white man that Pritchard is troubled about, but the negro contingent who will be knocked out by this amendment, and on whose votes the Republican party relies to get into power again, and on which Pritchard relies to get back into the Senate again. He is simply playing the white man and professing this hypocritical interest in him as his excuse for espousing the cause of the negro, whose aid he wants in coming elections. But Pritchard's interest in both white man and negro is inspired by his interest in himself, for if his political career wasn't in the balance he wouldn't care a continental about either.

TOO MUCH PARTY POLITICS.

Although a consistently non-partisan paper the Washington *Post* has, generally speaking, given the present Administration its support. It was with it in the expansion business and in the gold standard business, but the Hay-Pauncefote treaty and the Porto Rican tariff bill were too much for it. The latter has filled it with an intense disgust, to which it gives vent in an editorial commenting upon a declaration by ex-President Harrison that he regarded the bill "as a most serious departure from right principles," which concludes thus:

"It is good, it is reassuring, to hear from Gen. Harrison in such fashion. Of course, we never doubted for a moment as to his feeling in the matter. No one who watched his administration carefully and with understanding could possibly have expected less. But we are glad that he has spoken. This is a time in which the country needs the encouragement and advice of such men. We have reached a stage wherein something higher than party politics, something nobler than campaign expediency, is demanded by the American people. We are confronted by a crisis requiring the interposition of big men with stout hearts and jealous consciences and clear vision above all. The whole nation will thank Mr. Harrison for these timely and reassuring words."

"We have reached a stage wherein something higher than party politics, something nobler than campaign expediency is demanded by the American people." But we reached that stage long before the Porto Rico tariff iniquity was concocted and made a party measure. There is not a single leading act of this administration that hasn't been inspired by party politics, from the declaration of war for Cuba, to which the administration was driven by public sentiment, to the culminating infamy of the war of aggression upon the deceived and betrayed Filipinos. Politics! It is all politics, nothing else.

Story of a Slave.

To be bound hand and foot for years by the chains of disease is the worst form of slavery. George D. Williams, of Manchester, Mich., tells how such a slave was made free. He says: "My wife has been so helpless for five years that she could not turn over in bed alone. After using two bottles of Electric Bitters she is wonderfully improved and able to do her own work. This supreme remedy for female diseases quickly cures Nervousness, Sleeplinesss, Melancholy, Headache, Backache, Fainting and Dizzy Spells. This miracle working medicine is a godsend to weak, sickly and run down people. Every bottle guaranteed. Only 50 cents. Sold by R. R. BELLAMY, druggist. †

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SPIRITS TURPENTINE.

— Hendersonville *Times:* Robert Brigham, a farmer living near Weaverville, was found near the Farmers Warehouse, Monday night, so badly frozen that he died at the hospital next morning. He was no doubt under the influence of whiskey, and was frozen fast in the mud when discovered.

— Newton *Enterprise*: Democrats from all parts of the county who have been here this week report that the amendment is growing more popular every day. Our Eastern white brethren who are appealing for permanent relief from negro rule can count on old Catawba doing her full duty on the first Tuesday in August.

— Oxford *Ledger*: The mining interest in Granville and the adjoining counties is assuming large proportions. A lage capitalist from Colorado, named Durges, has bought the old Yancy mine and Major J. T. Yancy's home place of 1,300 acres at a big price, and is putting in the most approved mining machinery.

— Winston *Sentinel*: Mrs. Elizabeth Lineback, aged seventy-four years, was found dead in bed Sunday morning at her home near Plafftown. She was not complaining when she retired Saturday night. The family do not know the exact time of her death. A member of the family went in Mrs. Lineback's room to call her to breakfast, when it was discovered that she had passed away.

— Fayetteville *Observer*: Dan Bennett, a young white man, was arrested at his home in Campbellton this morning by Duputy United States Marshall Morrisey on a charge of passing counterfeit money in the shape of spurious silver dollars. He was placed in jail to await the preliminary trial before U. S. Commissioner E P. Powers. He is said to have a confederate, as he was seen Saturday night in company with a stranger, who tried to pass some of the coin on a merchant named Scoggins.

— Wilkesboro *Chronicle*: Joe Mitchell has the champion rat catching cat in the State. It caught four rats at one time one day recently and and held them. They were cleaning up the crib and got into some rats. Two ran out and the cat caught them and got them both in its month. Before it could kill them two more ran out and it caught them, one under each foot. Mr. Mitchel went to the cat's assistance and killed the two held under the feet and the cat soon dispatched the other two.

— Stanly *Enterprise*: The hail storm of Wednesday of last week was the most terrfiic one that has struck this section for many years. The hail stones were very large, and on the morning following were found from six to eight inches deep on a level in many places. The timbered lands of Rev. D. S. Morton, near Whitley, suffered the greatest damage we have heard. Some 800 or more pine trees were blown down some being nearly three feet in diameter. Considerable electricity and thunder accompanied, and the storm roared like a tornado, lasting about one hour.

CURRENT COMMENT.

—— Sibley's motive in becoming a convert to Republicanism, it is said, is to place himself in a line to succeed Quay in the Federal State. *Richmond Dispatch, Dem.*

There are indications of revolt among the Republicans all through the country over the passage of the Porto Rican Tariff Bill. Unless the President changes his mind again he is likely to be a very sick politician before he hears the last of this bill. *Louisville Courier Journal, Dem.*

—— There is no reason why expansion should lead to "Imperialism," as many well meaning people in the United States appear to apprehend. But the contemptuous disregard of the limitations of the Constitution by the majority of the House in passing the Payne Tariff bill for Puerto Rico is any thing but calculated to reassure the public mind in this respect.—*Philadelphia Record, Dem.*

—— Russia has just raised a loan on one of her state railways, in New York. The amount was $25,000,000 at 4 per cent. "The nature and size of this loan," says a New York correspondent, "and the disclosure which it makes of this country's position as a financial power of the world is its most interesting feature. Another is the surprising showing it reveals as to Russia's purchases in the American market of iron, steel, coal and finished machinery."—*Chattanooga Times, Dem.*

TWINKLINGS.

— Cleverton—"Tickerly is wealthy, isn't he?', Smith—"Wealth? Why he has so much money that his wife doesn't know what to do with it!"—*Puck.*

— Briggs—"I wish I had as much money as old Goldslathers." Griggs—"Is he rich?" Briggs—"Is he! He is rich beyond the dreams of Russell Sage!"—*Puck.*

— Little Clarence (with a rising inflection)—"Pa?" Mr. Callipers (wearily)—"Uh?" Little Clarence—"Pa, if Washington was the father of his country, ain't the Philippine Islands his stepsons?"—*Puck.*

— Mother (tearfully)—"We shall lose our daughter. He is bent on marrying her." Father—"What makes you think so?" Mother—"Why she sang and played to him yesterday, and here he is agatn to day."

— "You're looking badly. Are you ill?" "To day is the first time in three months that I have been able to go out." "What in the world did you do?" "I didn't do anything. But the judge wouldn't believe me."

— First Populist—"Old man Winds says last year was one of the most prosperous he ever had." Second Populist—"He does? The old hypocrite! Only a year ago he was pretendin' ter have the interests of the people ter heart."

— The End of Him: "Yes," said the man, after the nitroglycerine explosion had scattered the remains of the well-shooter over a large section of the petroleum region, "Doyle always was a cool one. I've seen him rattle over a stony road with a load of glycerine with no more care than if it had been a load of hay." "Well," said the coroner sadly, as he thought of an escaped fee, "he may have been cool, but he never will be collected."—*Harlem Life.*

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PRICE, M'CORMICK & CO.'S COTTON CIRCULAR.

NEW YORK, March 7.—The cotton market closed weak to day, in view of which the following may be regarded as not without interest. On Wednesday, the 17th of August, 1899, August contracts in New York which represent the price of middling cotton, sold at 5.53. Yesterday the 7th of March, nearly seven months later, March contracts which repesent the basis middling prices, 9 63, making a net advance in less than seven months, of about 410 per cent. The extreme variation in any previous year since 1874, according to Shepperson's cotton facts has been 41/16c in 1875, 33/8c in 1878, 41/2c in 1879, 35/16c in 1892 3, 13/16c in 1895. It will thus be seen that this season's pendulation, as compared with any previous season for the past twenty five years had only been once exceeded, and then only by about forty points. In most previous cases the extremes have resulted from the secondary effect of an anticipated damage to a succeeding crop. In no case has the readjustment of the relation between the demand and supply for any one crop led to such an extreme fluctuation as we have had this year, as a result of the shortening of the crop of 1899 and 1900.

In our opinion the advance in the market has been exaggerated greatly because of the bad distribution of this crop. Mr. Neill's prediction of eleven million bales, made early in the season, led Europe to believe that our supplies could be secured at moderate prices, and from nearly the commencement of the year until a few weeks ago foreign consumers insisted upon maintaining this position. The result was a very small stock in Liverpool and a very large short interest there in the shape of contracts or in covered requirements of spinners. During the past week, however, Europe has recognized the perilousness of her position and has bought persistently and insistently, until the position is almost reversed. Bankers report to us that the offerings of bills against cotton exports within the past ten days have increased very largely, and demand exchange has billed from $4.8778 to $4.8434 in consequence. Imports of gold in the near future seem not improbable. Competent authorities estimate that the amount of exchange sold within the past ten days is not far from $50,000,000, which at present prices for cotton, would represent an export or shipment of nearly 1,200,000 bales. Our cable advices indicate that hand in hand with this buying on the part of consumers, there has developed an enormous speculation in cotton futures, in which many spinners have participated, and we are led to believe that the result is a very dangerous speculating position in Europe. Meantime, the New York market has broken sharply, having declined from the top price for August contracts some 56 points.

Conservative holders of cotton during the past two days have marketed a very large portion of their holdings. These sales have, for the most part, passed either to new speculative buyers, whose judgment is not so much to be relied upon, or have met the wants of shorts. In either case the demand thus supplied, technically considered, is an element of weakness rather than of strength.

A short interest on an advancing market is admittedly explotive in the direction of higher prices, unless covered. A long interest, created at high prices, will be found to be held by very nervous buyers whose entire hope of profit rests in the expectancy that the market will react to the previous high level, and who, when it fails to do so, will be spiritless sellers. Those who have bought cotton upon the reiterated prediction that it would go to six pence in Liverpool and twelve cents in New York, will if they recall past history, probably find that such predictions are always current at the top. If the ability to recognize the top of any speculative market were universal, that top would never be reached. The whole machinery of speculation is devised to anticipate the future, and in our opinion both Europe and America have abandantly discredited it already by, as stated in the commencement of this circular, a pendulation in price which has never been equalled on any single crop, and has only once been exceeded under any conditions in the past twenty-five years.

For these reasons we continue to believe that purchases of cotton at present are unwise, that sales will prabably show a profit and that those who own the article, either speculatively or as consumers, will consult their own best interests by the anticipation of current prices.

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COMMERCIAL.

WILMINGTON MARKET.

STAR OFFICE, March 7.

SPIRITS TURPENTINE—Market steady at 54 cents per gallon for machine made casks and 53½ cents per gallon for country casks.

ROSIN—Market dull at $1.35 per barrel for strained and $1.40 for good strained.

TAR—Market steady at $1.20 per bbl of 280 lbs.

CRUDE TURPENTINE.—Market firm at $2.00 per barrel for hard, $3.25 for dip and —— for virgin.

Quotations same day last year.—Spirits turpentine firm at 44½@44c; rosin firm at 90@95c; tar firm at $1.00; crude turpentine, nothing doing.

RECEIPTS.

Spirits turpentine	6
Rosin	226
Tar	310
Crude turpentine	43

Receipts same day last year.—20 casks spirits turpentine, 187 bbls rosin, 102 bbls tar, 18 bbl crude turpentine.

COTTON.

Market firm on a basis of 9½c per pound for middling. Quotations:

Ordinary	7	1 16	cts. ℔ lb
Good ordinary	8	7-16	" "
Low middling	9	1-16	" "
Middling	9½		" "
Good middling	9⅞		" "

Same day last year middling firm at 6c.

Receipts—753 bales; same day last year, 175.

COUNTRY PRODUCE.

PEANUTS — North Carolina — Prime, 70c. Extra prime, 75c per bushel of 28 pounds; fancy, 77½@80c. Virginia—Prime 50c; extra prime, 55c; fancy, 60c.

CORN—Firm, 53 to 53½ cents per bushel.

ROUGH RICE—Lowland (tidewater) 85 cents; upland, 50@60 cents. Quotations on a basis of 45 pounds to the bushel.

N. C. BACON—Steady; hams 10 to 11c per pound; shoulders, 7 to 8c; sides, 7 to 8c.

SHINGLES—Per thousand, five-inch hearts and saps, $2.25 to 3.25; six-inch, $4.00 to $5.00, seven-inch, $5.50 to 6.50.

TIMBER—Market steady at $3.50 to 9.00 per M.

Quotations on local securities, furnished and regularly corrected by Hugh MacRae & Co:

STOCKS.

	BID.	ASKED.
A. C. L. of Conn., 5 per ct. Certs	110	112½
A. C. L. of Conn., stock	150	...
A. C. L of S. C.	123	...
Wilmington & Weldon	175	...
W. & W. 7 per ct Certs	142	146
N. C. R. R.	157	160
Wilmington Compress Co.	...	10
Delgado Mills	109	110
Wilmington Cotton Mills, pfd	110	115
Henrietta Mills	195	...
Wilmington Gas Light Co.	70	74
Carolina Insurance Co.	10¼	...
Underwriters' Insurance Co.	1 6	108
National Bank of Wilmington	112	115
Atlantic National Bank	200	...
Murchison National Bank	112	...
Wil. Savings & Trust Co.	215	...

BONDS.

	BID.	ASKED.
N. C. 4's	105½	106½
N. C. 6's	135	138
City Wilm. con. 7's, gold, 1923	113	115
City Wilm. con. 5's, cur	100	...
City Wilm. 5's 1919	100	...
City Wilm. 6's	101	105
Masonic Temple 1st 6's	105	...
Masonic Temple 2d 6's	...	100
Wilmington Compress Co.'s 5's	85	...
Wilmington & Weldon 5's	116	...
A. C. L. 4's	100	...

FINANCIAL MARKETS.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

NEW YORK, March 7.—Money on call steady; actual transactions were at 2@2½ per cent., last loan at 2. Prime mercantile paper 4½@5½ per cent. Sterling exchange weak, with actual business in bankers' bills at 485¾@485⅞ for demand and 482½ for sixty days. Posted rates 483½@484 and 487@487½. Commercial bills 481½@482½. Silver certificates 59½@60½. Bar silver 59⅝. Mexican dollars 47½. Government bonds irregular. State bonds irregular. Railroad bonds firmer, U. S. 2's, reg'd, 103; U. S. 3's, reg'd, 111½; do. coupon, 111½; U. S. new 4's, reg'd, 137; do. coupon, 137; U. S. old 4's, reg'd, 117½; do. coupon, 118½; U. S. 5's, reg'd. 116½; do. coupon, 116½; N. C. 6's 137; do. 4's, 106; Southern R'y 5's 108½. Stocks: Baltimore & Ohio 62; Chesapeake & Ohio 28½; Manhattan L 95; New York Central 133½; Reading 18; do. 1st prefer'd 58⅜; St. Paul 121; do. preferred 172; Southern Railway 13½; do. preferred 57⅞; American Tobacco, 103½; do. preferred 135; People's Gas 94½; Sugar 98¾; do preferred 108½; T. C. & Iron 93; U. S. Leather 11½; do. preferred 71½; Western Union 83.

NAVAL STORES MARKETS.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

NEW YORK, March 7.—Rosin was steady; strained common to good $1 70@1 72½. Spirits turpentine quiet at 55½@56c.

CHARLESTON, March 7.—Spirits turpentine firm at 52c; sales — casks. Rosin firm; sales — barrels. Prices unchanged.

SAVANNAH, March 7.—Spirits turpentine firm at 54c; sales — casks; receipts 147 casks; exports 93 casks. Rosin firm; sales — barrels; receipts 1,781 barrels; exports 942 barrels. Prices unchanged.

COTTON MARKETS.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

NEW YORK, March 7.—There was a sharp break in cotton prices to-day. This was ascribed to a heavily overbought market with the long interest widely scattered, and when selling started at the opening demoralization followed. To day the Liverpool market broke ten to eleven and a half points on the future list and 5 32 on spot cotton. Private cables said that this break was largely due to continental selling. The Liverpool situation was reported to have been largely relieved by recent covering, but the result of the foreign news as a whole, was the cause of a break of ten and twenty seven points on the opening call here this morning. Liquidation proceeded upon an enormous scale. For a time the market continued very weak and irregular. Then there was a pause in the selling pressure, but not until the decline had reached nearly ½c on the summer positions, as compared with the highest price of the previous day. The reaction in the morning amounted to five and ten points, on which there was considerable covering and also some pretty good buying by people who felt that the decline had been too rapid. But the later phases of the market again reflected a weak public sentiment; there was renewed selling for the purpose of liquidation, and the afternoon market was, for the most part, unsettled. Closed barely steady at a net decline of twenty-one and thirty-four points.

NEW YORK, March 7.—Cotton quiet; middling uplands 9⅝c.

Futures closed barely steady: March 9.18, April 9.20, May 9.20, June 9.19, July 9.16, August 9.05, September 8.09, October 7.79, November 7.72, December 7.68, January 7.70.

Spot cotton closed quiet and 3 16c lower; middling uplands 9⅝c; middling gulf 9⅞c; sales 25 bales.

Net receipts 813 bales; gross receipts 5,559 bales; exports to the Continent 1,211 bales; stock 146,158 bales.

Total to-day—Net receipts 21,281 bales; exports to Great Britain 23,883; exports to the Continent 18,484 bales; stock 941,025 bales.

Consolidated—Net receipts 109,378 bales; exports to Great Britain 45,047 bales; exports to France 450 bales; exports to the Continent 57,309 bales.

Total since September 1st.—Net receipts 5,592,801 bales; exports to Great Britain 1,644,592 bales; exports to France 588,785 bales; exports to the Continent 1,868,913 bales.

March 7.—Galveston, quiet at 9⅛c, net receipts 3,647 bales; Norfolk, dull at 9 13 16, net receipts 1,165 bales; Baltimore, nominal at 9⅞c, net receipts 345 bales; Boston, dull at 9 13 16c, net receipts 188 bales; Wilmington, firm at 9½, net receipts 753 bales; Philadelphia, firm at 9⅞c, net receipts 60 bales; Savannah, quiet at 9 5 16c, net receipts 483 bales; New Orleans, quiet at 9¼c, net receipts 10,317 bales; Mobile, quiet at 9 7-16c, net receipts 304 bales; Memphis, steady at 9⅜, net receipts 316 bales; Augusta, quiet and steady at 9½c, net receipts 461 bales; Charleston, firm at 9½, net receipts 247 bales.

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PRODUCE MARKETS.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

NEW YORK, March 7.—Flour was fairly active for spring patents, better grades of which are held at $3 85, but very quiet on winter straights. Wheat—Spot firmer; No. 2 red 75⅛c; options opened firm on higher cables and a bullish Ohio State crop report, but met selling orders based on small seaboard clearances that provoked reaction and late weakness on distant months, which closed ⅛c net lower. March, however, was ⅛c higher on a good export demand for No. 2 red, is getting scarce here; held at much stronger premiums. March closed 74⅜c; May closed 72⅛c; July closed 72⅛c. Corn—Spot steady; No 2 40⅛c; options opened firm on cables and very light country acceptances, encouraging a long interest which latter attempted to realize. This weakened in the afternoon, closed steady at about ⅛c net advance. May closed 40⅜c; July closed 40⅛c. Oats—Spot quiet; No. 2, 28½; options quiet and barely steady. Lard steady; Western steam $6 15; refined steady. Pork steady; family $13 00@13 25. Cheese firm; fancy large white and colored 13@14½c. Petroleum steady. Butter strong; Western creamery 20@26c; State dairy 18@25c. Eggs barely steady; State and Pennsylvania 15½@16c at mark; Southern 14½@15½c at mark. Tallow dull. Rice steady. Potatoes quiet; New Jersey $1 25@1 50; New York $1 50@1 75; Long Island $1 50@2 00; New Jersey sweets $2 25@2 75. Cabbage steady; Long Island $4 00@6 00 per 100. Freights to Liverpool quiet and steady. Cotton seed oil still quiet with weakness apparent as a result of local selling pressure and scarcity of buyers. Closing prices: Prime crude, in barrels, 33½@34; prime summer yellow 36⅛c; off summer yellow nominal; butter grades 38@39c, nominal; prime winter yellow 39@40c; prime white 39@40c; prime meal $24 00 Coffee—Spot Rio nominal; No. 7 invoice 8⅜c; No. 7 jobbing 8⅞c; mild quiet; Cordova 9½@14c. Sugar—Raw quiet and steady; fair refining 3 13 16c; centrifugal 4 5 16c; molasses sugar 3⅝c; San Domingo sugar 4 5 16; refined irregular.

CHICAGO, March 7.—Wheat during the first half of the session to-day was steady, helped largely by higher cables, but yielded later to the lack of speculative demand and closed barely steady, May ⅛c under yesterday. May corn closed a shade higher and May oats ⅛c lower. Provisions at the close were easy and practically unchanged.

CHICAGO, March 7.—Cash quotations: Flour steady. Wheat—No. 3 spring 61@6½c; No. 2 red 68@69c. Corn—No. 2, 34c. Oats—No. 3 23½@23⅜c; No. 2 white 26½@26⅝c; No 3 white 25½@26. Pork, per barrel, $9 67½@10 62½. Lard, per 100 lbs, $5 72½@5 77½. Short rib sides, loose, $5 70@5 95 Dry salted shoulders, $6 25@6 50 Short clear sides, boxed, $5 95@6 05. Whiskey—Distillers' finished goods, per gallon, $1 24.

The leading futures ranged as follows—opening, highest, lowest and closing: Wheat—No. 2 March 64½, 65, 64½, 64⅛c; May 66@66½, 66½@66½, 65⅝, 65⅝@65⅞c; July 66⅞, 67½, 66⅞@66⅝, 66⅝c. Corn—No. 2 March 33½, 33½, 33½, 33⅛c; May 35@35½, 35½, 35@35½, 35⅛c; July 35½, 35⅜, 35½, 35½; September 35¾, 35⅞, 35⅜@35⅝, 35⅛@35⅛c. Oats—May 23½, 23½, 23⅜, 23⅜c; July 22⅞, 22⅞, 22½, 22½. Pork, per bbl—May $10 65, 10 67½, 10 60, 10 60; July $10 70, 10 72½, 10 65, 10 65. Lard, per 100 lbs—May $5 90, 5 90, 5 87½, 5 87½; July $5 97½, 5 97½, 5 95, 5 97½. Short ribs, per 100 lbs—May $5 85, 5 85, 5 82½, 5 82½; July $5 87½, 5 87, 5 85, 5 85.

BALTIMORE, March 7.—Flour dull and unchanged. Wheat firm—Spot, March 71¼@71⅜c; May 72¾@72⅞c—Southern wheat by sample 65@73½c. Corn firmer—Spot and March 38½@38⅝c; Southern white corn 40c. Oats dull and easier; No. 2 white 31@31½c.

FOREIGN MARKET.

By Cable to the Morning Star.

LIVERPOOL, March 7, 4 P. M.—Cotton—Spot, good business done; prices 5-32d lower. American middling fair, 5¾d; good middling 5 9-16d; middling 5½d; low middling 5⅜d; good ordinary 5 3 16d; ordinary 5d. The sales of the day were 5,000 bales, of which 500 were for speculation and export and included 11,500 American. Receipts 8,000 bales, including 5,800 American.

Futures opened easy and closed steady at the decline. American middling (l. m. c.)—March 5 22-64d@5 23 64d seller; March and April 5 19-64@5 20 64d seller; April and May 5 15 64d seller; May and June 5 11-64@5 12 64d buyer; June and July 5 8 64@5 9 64d buyer; July and August 5 6-64d value; August and September 4 62-64@4 63 64d seller; September and October 4 38 64d buyer; October and November 4 20-64d buyer; November and December 4 19 64d seller; December and January 4 17 64d value; January and February 4 16 64d seller.

MARINE DIRECTORY.

List of Vessels in the Port of Wilmington, N. C., March 8, 1900.

SCHOONERS.

Cora M, 137 tons, Mitchell, George Harriss, Son & Co.

Geo W Whitford, 181 tons, Decker, George Harriss, Son & Co.

S P Hitchcock, 553 tons, Sorensen, George Harriss, Son & Co, (for dry dock).

BARQUES.

Passat (Nor), 655 tons, Aanonsen, Heide & Co.

Adele (Swed) 596 tons, Holmgren, Heide & Co.

Democratic Primaries.

NOTICE.

All white men who wish to join the movement for the promotion of good government, and who honestly intend to support the Democratic nominees, are invited to participate in a primary election which is hereby called to be held in the several wards and townships of New Hanover county on Thursday, March 22d, 1900, at the following hours:

Polls in the city will be open at 8 o'clock A. M. and close at 7 P. M.

Polls in the precincts outside of the city of Wilmington will open at 9 o'clock and close at 4 o'clock P. M.

The Primary Election is called for the purpose of nominating candidates for the following county offices:

Sheriff, Register of Deeds, County Treasurer, County Coroner, County Surveyor, two members of the House of Representatives.

Also, a Senator for New Hanover and Brunswick counties.

The said Primary Election is also called for the purpose of electing five executive committeemen for each precinct, and delegates to the county convention which is hereby called to meet on Saturday, March 31st, 1900, in the Court House in Wilmington for the purpose of electing delegates to the State and District Conventions and for the purpose of ratifying the action of the primaries.

At the close of the election the poll-holders shall immediately count the votes and make returns in duplicate to the County Executive Committee, at the Court House, signed by at least two of the poll-holders.

The County Executive Committee shall certify the result to the County Convention which shall ratify the action of the people in the primaries by declaring the candidates who received a majority of the aggregate vote cast in the county for the respective offices the regular nominees of the Democratic Party.

In the event that no candidate receives a majority of the votes cast for the office for which he stood, then a second primary shall be held on Tuesday, March 27th, 1900, which primary shall be governed by the same rules and regulations which governed the first primary, and the only candidates voted for shall be the two which received the highest vote in the first primary. Votes cast for any other persons shall not be counted.

There shall be only one voting place in each ward and township, except that in Harnett township there shall be two, one of which shall be located at or near the Delgado Mills.

Ballot boxes shall be provided as follows: At each voting place there shall be one box properly labelled for County Officers; one box for Legislative Candidates; and one box for each precinct, where there is more than one precinct in the ward or township, in which votes for precinct executive committeemen and delegates to the county convention shall be cast.

Candidates for county offices shall be voted for on one ballot; candidates for legislative offices shall be voted for on one ballot; and executive committeemen and delegates to the county convention shall be voted for on one ballot.

The following inspectors of election and poll-holders have been appointed.

First Ward—W. T. Carpenter, W. L. West, C. J. W. Rehder.

Second Ward—E. Keith Calder, H. G. Fennell, J. G. Love.

Third Ward—L. B. Sasser, I. H. Weil, E. T. Wade.

Fourth Ward—W. F. Robertson, G. H. Smith, A. L. DeRosset.

Fifth Ward—B. R. Penny, Jno. F. Littleton, J. S. Barnes.

Cape Fear Township—W. H. Shearin, Robt. Bordeaux, Chas. Casteen.

Harnett Township—At Township House—W. F. Alexander, B. B. Humphrey, J. D. Woody. At Delgado Mills—Jesse Williams, James Ezell, D. F. O'Brien.

Masonboro Township—J. T. Hawkins, C. B Bishop, B. S. Montford.

Federal Point Township—Owen Martindale, J. T. Burnett, Thos. McGhee.

The polling places will be announced later.

The several precincts are entitled to the following representation in the County Convention:

First Ward—First precinct, six delegates; Second precinct, four delegates; Third precinct, three delegates; Fourth precinct, one delegate; Fifth precinct, one delegate.

Second Ward—(Two precincts), sixteen delegates.

Third Ward—First precinct, ten delegates; Second precinct, seven delgates.

Fourth Ward—First precinct, seven delegates; Second precinct, six delegates.

Fifth Ward—First precinct, six delegates; Second precinct, seven delegates; Third precinct, five delegates; Fourth precinct, two delegates.

Cape Fear Township—Two delegates.

Harnett Township—(Two precincts), four delegates.

Masonboro Township—Two delegates.

Federal Point Township—One delegate.

By order of the Democratic Executive Committee of New Hanover county.

D. McEACHERN, Chairman.

W. A. WRIGHT, Secretary.

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Train 41—Leaves Portsmouth 9:20 A. M., arrives Weldon 11:43 A. M., Raleigh 3:36 P. M., Sanford 5:05 P. M., Hamlet 6:55 P. M., Wadesboro 8:10 P. M., Monroe 9:12 P. M., Charlotte 10:25 P. M., and Atlanta 5:20 A. M.

Train 38—Leaves Atlanta 9:50 P. M. Leaves Charlotte 5:00 A. M. Arrives Monroe 5:45 A. M., Wadesboro 6:51 A. M., Hamlet 7:43 A. M., Sanford 9:52 A. M., Raleigh 11:13 A. M., Weldon 2:50 P. M., Portsmouth 5:20 P. M.

Train 38—Leaves Hamlet 8:20 A. M. Arrives Laurinburg 8:46 A. M., Maxton 9.05 A. M., Pembroke 9:31 A. M., Lumberton 9:53 A. M., Wilmington 12.05 noon.

Train 403—Leaves Washington 5:00 A. M., Richmond 9:00 P. M., Portsmouth 8:45 A. M., Weldon 11:10 P. M. Arrives Raleigh 2:14 A. M., Sanford 3:33 A. M., Hamlet 5:07 A. M., Wadesboro 5:01 A. M., Monroe 6:53 A. M., Charlotte 8:00 A. M., Atlanta 2:50 P. M.

Train 403—Leaves Charlotte 8:10 A. M. Arrives Lincolnton 9:22 A. M., Shelby 10:10 A. M., Rutherfordton 11:25 A. M.

Train 402—Leaves Rutherfordton 4:40 P. M. Arrives Shelby 5:58 P. M., Lincolnton 6:56 P. M., Charlotte 8:20 P. M., Monroe 9:10 P. M.

Train 402—Leaves Atlanta 12:00 noon. Arrives Monroe 9:30 P. M., Wadesboro 10:30 P. M., Hamlet 11:10 P. M., Sanford 12:55 P. M., Raleigh 2:00 A. M., Weldon 4:55 A. M., Portsmouth 7:25 A. M., Richmond 8:15 A. M., Washington 12:41 noon.

Train 18—Leaves Hamlet 7:15 P. M. Arrives Gibson 8:10 P. M. Returning, leaves Gibson 5:50 A. M. Arrives Hamlet 7.40 A. M.

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POLLING PLACES.

Primary Election.

The following polling places have been selected by the Democratic Executive Committee for the Primary Election to be held Thursday, March 22nd, 1900.

First Ward—Genaust's Store.
Second Ward—Old Court House.
Third Ward—Giblem Lodge.
Fourth Ward—Worth's Ice Depot, Dock street.
Fifth Ward—Fifth Ward Hook and Ladder House.
Cape Fear Township—Blossom's Store.
Harnett Township—Township House.
Delgado Mills (Harnett Township)—Delgado Mills Store.
Masonboro Township—Township House.
Federal Point Township—Biddle's Store.

W. A. WRIGHT,
Secretary.
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STATEMENT OF

Atlantic National Bank,

WILMINGTON, N. C.

At the Close of Business Feb. 13th, 1900, Condensed from Report to Comptroller.

RESOURCES.

Loans		$ 912,331.20
Overdrafts		16 99
U. S. Bonds (at par 3's & 4's)		126,100.00
Banking House and Fixtures		10,000.00
Due from app'd res've agt's	$ 96 493 66	
Due from other banks	187 338.71	
Cash on hand	102,541.92	386,374 29
Total		$1,504,822.48

LIABILITIES.

Capital		$ 125,000.00
Surplus and undivided profits		100 533.81
Circulation		41,040.00
Deposits U. S. Treas.	$150,373.00	
Deposits from Banks	286 67 95	
Deposits from individuals	766 653.72	
Certificates of Deposit	35,000.00	1,238,198 67
Total		$1,504,822 48

COMPARATIVE STATEMENT.

	Feb. 13 '98	Feb. 13, '99.	Feb. 13, 1900
Total deposits	$654,000	$1,141,000	$1,238,000
Surplus and net profit	75 400	89,000	100 500
U. S. bonds at par	55,000	95,600	126,100

Dividends Paid—6 Per Cent. Per Annum.

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Statement of Condition of

THE

Murchison National Bank

OF WILMINGTON, N. C.

At the close of business February 26th, 1900.
(Began business March 1st, 1899.)

RESOURCES.

Loans and discounts	$297,269 52
Stocks and bonds	5,135.00
U. S. bonds	113 000 00
Premium on U. S. bonds	9 600 00
Five per cent. redemption fund	2,700.00
Revenue stamps	368.00
Office furniture	750.00
Cash on hand and in banks	227,946 06
Total	$656,768.58

LIABILITIES.

Capital stock	$100.000.00
Profits, less expenses	20 072 27
Circulation	54,00 .00
Deposits	382,696 31
Total	$656,768.58

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Extermination of Locusts.

The Cape department of agriculture publishes in its journal an account of successful efforts to exterminate locusts by inoculating them with the locust disease fungus. The fungus is prepared and sold for 12 cents a tube to all applicants living in Cape Colony. In one case more than 100 locusts were inoculated and then distributed among a swarm. Next morning and the following days large numbers of dead locusts were found, and microscopical examination revealed the fact that death was due to the fungus. It is stated that those districts in Cape Colony where these inoculation measures are not taken are much more infested with locusts than those localities where the treatment is carried out.

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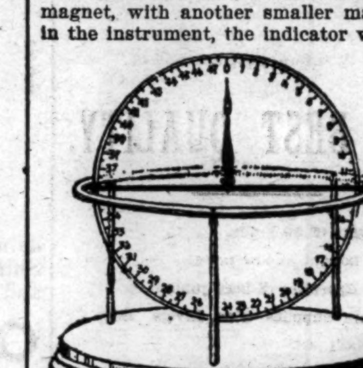
Fathom Meter.

New Device to Tell the Depth of Water.

To tell the exact depth of water beneath a vessel at any given time at a moment's notice is the object of an instrument recently perfected, known as the fathom meter, says the New York Herald.

The fathom meter is circular in form, and in the center is a suspended circle, which is set in gimbals, after the fashion of an ordinary sea compass. This circle has a frame of glass and is graduated into half degrees and fathoms, which are pointed out by an indicator. In the center and running clear across is a small magnet. Connected with the instrument is a primary cell, from which a sufficient current can be obtained when it is desired to energize the magnet. The earth being also a magnet, its magnetism, or zero, is obtained, and when the instrument is properly adjusted and the circuit is closed an observation taken from it on board of a moving ship shows immediately the difference of the earth's magnetism at that point.

The principle upon which the inventor worked was that, as the earth is a magnet, with another smaller magnet in the instrument, the indicator would



FATHOM METER.

point out and register on the dial the exact distance which there may be at that moment between the greater and the lesser magnet, evidently the exact depth of water under the vessel.

As soon as his model was ready the inventor of the fathom meter prepared to test it and for that purpose went on a steamer from New York to Newport News and back again. He placed the fathom meter in the captain's room, and there he was shut in with it. At intervals during the trip the captain instructed an officer to throw the lead and take the depth of water, and as soon as the officer made the report the captain went to the inventor and asked him, "Well, what depth are we in now?" The answer on each occasion was prompt and correct, the indicator pointing unerringly to the number of fathoms beneath the vessel.

Any one who knows how the depth of water is at present taken on board ship will see that an instrument like this, if further tests bear out the claims of the inventor, is bound to prove useful. With the lead it is next to impossible to obtain absolutely correct measurements, for the reason that while the measurements are being taken the vessel is moving, and the lead is consequently inclined. Before the lead is thrown the vessel slackens up a little, but it still keeps moving onward. Now by means of the fathom meter the exact depth can be ascertained, no matter at what speed the vessel is running, and hence it will be seen that a great deal of time can be saved, and no allowance need be made for the inclination of the lead.

The entire apparatus does not occupy more space than an ordinary typewriter. In regard to submerged wrecks and similar dangers the inventor claims that his instrument, by indicating the depth of water at a moment's notice, will give timely warnings of such dangers and will enable captains to avoid them.

Tunneling the Bosporus.

One of the most impracticable engineering schemes apparently is that of tunneling the Bosporus. There is an enormous traffic between the two sides of the Bosporus, and the delay caused by the opening and shutting of the bridge for boats, which forms now the only means of communication, is a great drawback. A railroad company is now constructing its lines on both sides, but this is of little avail until the lines can be connected. Tunneling by the ordinary way is hindered by the fact that the water is extremely deep, with 20 or 30 feet of mud at the bottom. In order to solve the problem, it is proposed to suspend or float a tunnel about 35 feet below the surface of the water, allowing uninterrupted passage to vessels of the largest tonnage. The Golden Horn has no tide. The tunnel is to be a wrought iron tube about 10 feet in diameter and 1,200 feet long, and the gradient at each end would be 50. It would weigh about 600 tons; maximum weight of any train, 400 tons; concrete and lining, to overcome buoyancy of the tube, 1,700 tons; water displacement, 2,700 tons.—New York Sun.

Microbes In Wine.

Professor Wortmann of Vienna argues that the changes that occur in bottled wines in the course of time are due largely to the presence in them of living organisms. He opened several well corked bottles recently that had been lying undisturbed for 25 years. On examination he found the wine to contain many microbes and bacteria, some dead, but most of them alive and able to sit up and look cheerful. He says that different kinds of microbes have different effects on the wine, and it depends upon the nature of the minute organisms that are bottled up with it whether the effect is good or bad.—Practical Druggist.

Treatment of Consumption.

Consul Atwell at Roubaix, France, has transmitted to the state department an article by Dr. Mendel, the French tuberculosis expert, on his treatment of consumption by the use of essential oils. This is a subject which aroused considerable interest among physicians in this country, owing to an earlier and more meager report from Consul Atwell. The present report is sent at the request of the state department.

Dr. Mendel says that his treatment is based on the antagonistic effect that certain essential oils were observed to have on the germs of tuberculosis. His formula is as follows: Five grams each of essence of thyme, essence of eucalyptus and essence of cinnamon, 100 cubic centimeters of sterilized olive oil, five grams of iodoform and one-fifth of a gram of bromoform. The physician uses a long curved Collin syringe, containing three cubic centimeters of this solution, which is emptied three or four times consecutively into the tracheal duct. A mirror was at first used to guide the introduction of the syringe to the throat, but with practice this was discarded. The treatment was given daily to 27 patients in all three stages of the disease. The results were encouraging in all cases but one, this patient, in the third stage, dying, but being relieved of much pain and discomfort in his last days. A detailed statement of results is given, which is of interest to physicians.

LONGFELLOW'S ADVICE.

Kindness Was the Keynote of the Poet's Character.

Mme. de Navarro gives some charming pictures of Longfellow in "A Few Memories." She says that every conversation with him led to some good result. His first advice to her was: "See some good picture—in nature if possible, or on canvas—hear a page of the best music or read a great poem daily. You will always find a free half hour for one or the other, and at the end of the year your mind will shine with such an accumulation of jewels as to astonish even yourself."

The poet was fond of a good, amusing story and had many to tell out of his own experience. He was particularly delighted at the ingenuity of an enterprising vender of patent medicine who, vaunting the "marvelous effects" of his drug, no doubt in the hope of inspiring the poet, invited him to write a verse for the label, promising him a percentage on each bottle and a free use of the medicine for himself and family.

On one of his birthdays he was astonished at seeing a wagon containing a piano drive up to his house, followed by a strange young lady in a carriage. The young lady informed the housekeeper that she wished the piano to be put in a room where it would "sound well," as she had composed a piece of music in honor of the poet's birthday and meant to play it to him on her own instrument.

Longfellow was a great lover of music, and Wagner appealed to him strongly. We heard several operas together in Boston after my engagement there. He generally arrived before us, armed with flowers and full of delightful anticipations. On one of these occasions some one sent a magnificent bouquet to our box. Not knowing the donor, I did not take it up. He insisted on my doing so.

"Put down my simple ones," he said, "and take up these beautiful flowers. It will gratify the giver, who is no doubt in the house. Try never to miss an opportunity of giving pleasure. It will make you happier and better."

Kindness was the keynote of his character. No inconvenience to himself was too great if a good turn to any one was at the end of it.

Electricity as Anaesthetic.

The rather interesting statement was made to the American Association For the Advancement of Science by a Yale professor that sinusoidal alternating electric currents of sufficiently high frequency and in which the positive and negative phases were nearly equal possessed the power of producing local anaesthesia. After the frequency has reached 5,000 complete alternations per second the muscular contraction so familiar with medical batteries and other alternating currents decreases, and at 25,000 alternations per second a current passing from the elbow to the hand completely deadens that portion of the arm, and needles may be passed through the flesh without being felt. When subjected to currents of such high frequency, the sensory nerves appear to lose power of transmitting sensations. A special machine is now being built by which it is expected to demonstrate the possibility of using this application of the current in practical surgical work, such as dentistry.

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Trains leave Goldsboro, N. C., daily except Sunday, 7.05 A. M.; arrives Smithfield, N. C., 8.10 A. M. Returning leaves Smithfield 9.00 A. M.; arrives Goldsboro 10.25 A. M.

Train on Nashville Branch leaves Rocky Mount at 10.00 A. M., 3.40 P. M.; arrives Nashville 11.10 A. M., 4.03 P. M., Spring Hope 10.40 A. M., 4.55 P. M. Returning, leaves Spring Hope 11.30 A. M., 4.55 P. M., Nashville 12.15 A. M., 5.25 P. M., arrives at Rocky Mount 11.45 A. M., 6.00 P. M. Daily except Sunday.

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Trains leave Sumter 4.25 A. M., Creston 5.19 A. M., arrive Denmark 6.12 A. M. Returning, leave Denmark 4.17 P. M., Creston 5.15 P. M., Sumter 6.08 P. M. Daily.

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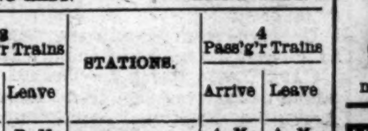

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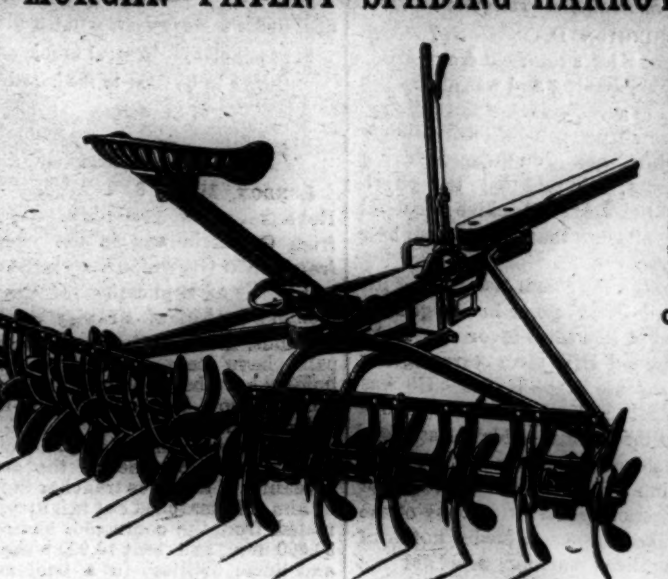

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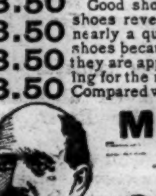
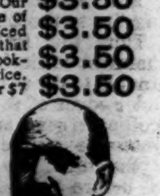

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NEWS FROM WASHINGTON.

Representative Bellamy's Bill Passed Both Houses--The Crawford-Pearson Case. West Point Cadetships.

[*Special Star Telegram.*]

WASHINGTON, D. C., March 7—Congressman Kluttz returned from Baltimore this morning and was about the House the greater part of the day trying to catch up with his correspondence which has accumulated during his absence. He said that the physicians at the John's Hopkins Hospital were confident that his daughter would recover.

Although the committee having the Crawford-Pearson case in charge have reported in Pearson's favor, the Duke of Richmond Hill seems very uneasy about his fate in the House. He was present all the time that the House has had the Robbins-Aldrich case under consideration, and when the vote was being taken on the question of consideration called for a copy of the roll of the House and made notes of all Republican members who did not vote for consideration or were absent.

Representative Kitchin has received notice that he is entitled to an appointment at West Point, which must be made by July 1st. The young men of his district under 21 years who desire to compete should write him at once.

Representative Bellamy has appointed the son of Hon. Frank I. Osborne to a cadetship at West Point.

Representative Small to day returned from Washington, N. C. He reports every one, Democrats as well as Populists, in his section, anxious for the amendment.

Passed Both Houses.

The bill introduced by Representative Bellamy authorizing the construction and maintenance of a railroad bridge across Fishing Creek in Edgecombe county, said bridge to be so constructed as not to obstruct the navigation of the river, has passed both houses of Congress and become a law. According to the limitations of the bill the bridge shall be a lawful one and recognized as a post route and the United States has the right of way for a postal telegraph across the same.

Senator Butler to day informed the STAR correspondent that Colonel Smather's testimony Monday before the committee having in charge the appointment of Judge Ewart was mostly in his own behalf, as his name had been brought into the testimony a great deal and that the same had no bearing on the Ewart matter itself. Senator Butler also said that the appointment had been offered to Senator Pritchard, but that he did not believe Senator Pritchard could be prevailed upon to accept, and that in his estimation the appointment would go to District Attorney Boyd.

Senator Butler has introduced in the Senate an amendment to the Diplomatic Appropriation bill, increasing the amount appropriated for the consular service at Rotterdam and other points.

The following changes are reported by the Postoffice Department: Wiley S. McKee to be postmaster at McAdenville, Gaston county, vice J. M. Skidmore, removed; William M. Bradford, at Providence, Chatham county, vice J. G. Phillips, resigned; William B. Money, at Republic, Yadkin county, vice Benjamin C. Money, resigned.

Representative Jones, of Washington, Monday, introduced a bill which if passed will be of great service to all veterans of the Spanish and Philippine wars. It provides that all soldiers who served for certain lengths of time shall be given credit in taking up homestead lands equal to the time of their service and in case of death their widows or children shall be entitled to the same benefits.

RETREAT FROM LADYSMITH.

Boers Say It Was Due to the Mistake of a Commandant—Every Bridge and Culvert Blown Up.

By Cable to the Morning Star.

BOER CAMP, BIGGERSBERG, Saturday, March 3.—The Federals have fallen back on the Biggersberg chain, that crosses Natal south of Dundee. The retreat from Ladysmith was due to the mistake of a certain commandant in ordering his men to retire from the key of the position without any reason for the move.

On receipt of the bad news from the Modder river Wednesday it was resolved to send the wagons back to Biggersberg, and soon long strings of ox wagons lined the roads. Over a thousand wagons took the westerly route to the laager southwest of Ladysmith. Another convoy was sent to the foot of the Drakensberg. A large number of tents captured from the British at Dundee and also the ammunition were abandoned. The Boers were independent of the railroad, as is shown by the fact that not one of their two thousand wagons went by rail. All travelled by road, together with the field batteries. Only the heavy guns, the infantry and the wounded went by rail.

When the last train had left Elandslaagt, a workman's train followed, carefully blowing up every bridge and culvert between Ladysmith and Glendoe, and when this had been done, setting fire to the Elandslaagte collieries. Thus the British with Natal's southernmost collieries in their hands, are unable to draw supplies therefrom.

Under cover of the night and with the collieries sending lurid flames to heaven, the bullock wagons wound over the hills, making roads where none before existed and the four months siege of Ladysmith was raised.

It is impossible as yet to give the Burgher casualties, owing to the disorganization of the ambulance corps and the circumstances of the retreat.

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BOERS ABANDON POSITIONS.

Gen. Buller's Movements—Dutch Risings in Cape Colony—General Cronje and Others to Be Sent to the Island of St. Helena.

By Cable to the Morning Star.

LONDON, March 8, 4 A. M.—Lord Roberts wired yesterday morning from Osfontein and in the evening from Poplar Grove, fourteen miles eastward. By an application of the elementary project of strategy the Boer positions, fifteen miles long across his path, have been emptied and their holders have been obliged to retire in the confusion consequent upon hasty withdrawal.

Nothing was done by Lord Roberts to disturb the symmetry, the deadly ingenuity of the Boer trenches in front of him. He marched out infantry, estimated, from the commands named, at 30,000 men, and sent 10,000 horsemen and horse artillery in a bold sweep around the Boer left, whereupon the Boer centre and right became untenable.

Fifty British fell when the cavalry came into contact with the Boers.

The correspondents differ as to the enemy's strength. The *Daily Mail's* representative thinks the Boers number something more than 4,000. The *Daily News* man estimates them at 10,000. As these figures come from observers at headquarters, it is clear that Lord Roberts' force was overwhelmingly superior. He can scarcely have fewer than forty-five thousand immediately available, as the Guards brigade reached him from Methuen Tuesday.

Lord Methuen now commands only volunteers and the local forces at Kimberley, some of whom have gone toward Mafeking.

The Boers do not yet appear to appreciate the mobility of Lord Roberts' corps, which was able to strike so swiftly in this affair that the enemy had to abandon a gun, much forage and a large quantity of camp equipment.

The *Standard* cautions Englishmen against "rising to the height of serene contentment which the actual position does not justify."

The Dutch risings in the northwestern districts of Cape Colony are the only cloudlet visible in the sky of British prospects.

The military authorities have decided that General Cronje and the other Boer prisoners shall be sent immediately to the island of St Helena, there to remain until the end of the war.

Lord Roberts has chosen Lord Bathurst, colonal of a militia regiment at the front, to command the escort to St. Helena, which was last month placed in cable communication with Cape Town and London. It is also asserted that the cabinet has resolved neither to propose or entertain a proposal at the present juncture for an exchange of prisoners.

An Offer to Surrender.

A dispatch to the *Times* from Osfontein, dated Tuesday, March 6th, says:

"A commando of 3,000 Boers had offered to surrender, but on impossible terms.

"Gen. Cronje's losses were greater than he admitted. Sixty bodies of Boers have been found in one grave."

Roberts Reports Boers in Full Retreat.

LONDON, March 7.—Field Marshal Lord Roberts has telegraphed as follows:

"*Osfontein*, March 7, 4:30 P. M.—Our operations to-day promise to be a great success. The enemy occupied a position four miles north and eleven miles south of Modder river. I placed General Colville's division on the north bank and General Kelly-Kenney's and Tucker divisions with cavalry on the south bank. The cavalry division succeeded in turning the enemy's left flank, opening a road for the Sixth division, which is advancing without having been obliged to fire a shot up to the present time. The enemy are in full retreat towards the north and east. They are being closely followed by cavalry, horse artillery and mounted infantry, while Tucker's seventh division, Colville's ninth division and the Guards' brigade under Pole-Carew, are making their way across the river at Poplar's Drift, where I propose to place my headquarters this evening. Our casualties will, I trust, be few, as the enemy were quite unprepared for being attacked by the flank and having their communications with Bloemfontein threatened."

British Troops in the Transvaal.

LONDON, March 7, 4:16 P. M.—A special dispatch from Durban says a flying column of British troops from Zululand has entered the Transvaal and has been daily skirmishing with small parties of Boers. The force consists of mounted infantry, Natal scouts and artillery, all commanded by Major Prendergast. The column first crossed the border on February 28th. It now occupies an entrenched position on the Catacassia Hills, nine miles within the Transvaal,

Gen. Buller's Movements.

LONDON, March 7.—It is reported that General Buller has pushed forward a force along the Harrismith railroad line towards VanReenen's pass, using the railroad freely for communications. It appears that the Boers intend to take up a strong position in the Biggarsberg range and contest the Glencoe passes, although it hardly seems likely that General Buller will attempt to force these for the present. His plans, however, are kept almost as secret as those of Lord Roberts.

An Engagement Imminent.

LONDON, March 8.—A dispatch to the *Times* from Modder River, dated yesterday, says:

"The Boers occupy an extensive position between ourselves and both Bloemfontein and Winburg. They include the bulk of the Natal forces and are under General Joubert himself. Only sufficient men have been left behind to hold Van Reenen's Pass and Laings Nek.

"Extensive desertions are reported during the trek.

"An engagement is imminent which will probably be decisive as to the whole war."

The ratifications of the Samoan arbitration treaty were exchanged at the State Department in Washington yesterday. The treaty submits the claims to the arbitration of King Oscar of Sweden.

It Saved His Leg.

P. A. Danforth, of LaGrange, Ga., suffered intensely for six months with a frightful running sore on his leg but writes that Bucklen's Arnica Salve wholly cured it in ten days. For Ulcers, Wounds, Burns, Boils, Pain or Piles it's the best salve in the world. Cured guaranteed. Only 25 cents. Sold by R. R. BELLAMY, druggist. †

THE WEST VIRGINIA COAL MINE HORROR.

Number Killed Estimated at Sixty to Seventy—More Bodies Recovered. Work Continues Day and Night.

FIRE CREEK, W. VA., March 7.—The rescuing parties continued working hard at Red Ash mine to day in removing debris and securing the victims of the explosion of yesterday. The scenes of distress among those hunting their missing friends are still as appalling as yesterday. The work at the mine continues night and day and it is still impossible to give the exact number of the victims or to identify all of the bodies that have been recovered. The most conservative estimates of those connected with the mine place the number of killed at fifty-two, and there are others who insist that the number of victims will be found to reach sixty. Six more bodies were recovered early this morning.

A report from the rescuers at the mine after 8 o'clock to-night was that thirty-four had been taken out, twenty-nine being dead and five seriously injured.

While the surviving miners and others estimate that there are at least thirty-nine miners still entombed, General Manager Howell says there are still in the mine only thirty six. The estimate of the latter would indicate that there were seventy killed and five injured, and it is conceded that all of those still in the mine are dead.

None of the mines in this district are yet working and thousands of people visited the scene of the Red Ash disaster to-day. Some of the dead bodies have been shipped to the former homes of the victims.

No definite cause for the explosion has yet been learned by Governor Atkinson, the State and district mine inspectors and others who are investigating the case. In addition to the theories of dust, damp, etc., it was claimed to-day that natural gas had escaped into the mine and that it ignited when the miners entered yesterday morning with their lighted lamps. The work of rescuing parties is retarded by hot air and it is thought the mine is on fire. Air is being pumped into the mine by compression. It will probably be several days before all the bodies can be recovered, as they are scattered along for almost a mile under the ground and it will require much time to clear the debris from this long subterranean course.

DESTITUTION IN PORTO RICO.

Conditions That Render It Necessary to Feed the Starving Inhabitants for Some Time Longer.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

WASHINGTON, March 7.—The acting Secretary of War has received a communication from General Davis on the subject of food distribution and the relief of the destitute in Porto Rico. General Davis had intended to discontinue the free distribution of food about the first of this month, but the industrial conditions existing in certain portions of the island rendered it absolutely necessary to continue to feed the starving inhabitants for some time longer.

In the centre of the island, or the coffee-growing district, there is nothing for the poor to eat. Any discontinuance of the food distribution, therefore, under these conditions would result in a large increase of sickness and of the death rate. The coffee planters are making strenuous efforts to clear up their fields, but having no money for the payment of their hands, the laborers have necessarily been laid off and are drifting into the towns, thereby becoming public charges. Unless fed at public expense starvation will result and the military governor has therefore requested a shipment of five hundred tons of rice, codfish and bacon, in addition to the five hundred tons asked for about three weeks ago.

In connection with the existing industrial conditions General Davis is of opinion that the quickest and most effective way of securing relief would be through large expenditures upon public works. General Davis states that if he could put about 25,000 men at work for a period of three months on the roads, involving expenditures for labor, tools and supervision of some $223,000 a month, the period of acute distress could be tided over.

The acting commissary general of subsistence was to-day directed to secure the food asked for immediate shipment.

MAY BE BUBONIC PLAGUE.

Suspicious Case Discovered in San Francisco—Patient a Chinaman—Strict Quarantine Established.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

SAN FRANCISCO, March 7.—A case of what is supposed to be bubonic plague, though the exact nature of the disease is yet uncertain, has been discovered in Chinatown. The patient, who is a Chinese, was immediately isolated and the whole of Chinatown has been placed under strict quarantine regulations. No fear is apprehended of the spread of the disease whatever it may prove to be.

A large force of police is being kept in Chinatown to maintain the quarantine. The physicians interested in the case are not yet prepared to make a statement regarding the case, but from others who have had experience in such matters, it is learned that the case will hardly prove to be one of plague as the dead man has long been a resident of this city.

BUBONIC PLAGUE INCREASES.

Many Deaths in Calcutta—A Number of Cases at Buenos Ayres.

By Cable to the Morning Star.

CALCUTTA, March, 7.—The bubonic plague increases, there having been 411 deaths from the disease here last week. This is causing a great exodus of merchants.

BUENOS AYRES, March 7.—A number of cases of what is supposed to be the bubonic Plague have been officially reported.

Urgent measures are being adopted to prevent the spread of the disease.

CAPE TOWN, March 7.—The steamer which has arrived here from Rosario, Argentine Republic, with bubonic plague aboard, as cabled yesterday, is the British steamer Kilburn, Captain Valder. She is in strict quarantine. There are three cases of plague on the Kilburn. The captain died during the voyage, presumably of the disease.

ST. PATRICK'S DAY.

Queen Victoria's Recognition of the Gallantry of Irish Soldiers.

By Cable to the Morning Star.

LONDON, March 7.—An army order issued to-night announces that the Queen has ordered that in future on St. Patrick's Day all ranks of her Irish regiments shall wear as a distinction, a sprig of shamrock in their head dress, to commemorate the gallantry of her Irish soldiers in the recent battles in South Africa.

THE PHILIPPINES IN THE SENATE.

Senator Lodge Talked for Three Hours on the Momentous Question.

BOER SYMPATHY RESOLUTION

House Proceedings—Death of Representative Harmer of Pennsylvania Announced--Conference Report on Financial Bill Discussed.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

WASHINGTON, March 7.—Seldom, indeed, is it that the Senate accords to any of its members a greater compliment than it accorded to day to Senator Lodge, of Massachusetts. The announcement that he would deliver a speech on the Philippine question was the magnet which drew to the Senate every Senator now in the city and to the galleries an unusually large number of attentive auditors. As chairman of the Philippine committee and a prominent member of the Committee on Foreign Relations who had studied the Philippine question exhaustively, he presented a notable addition to the literature of the great problem which now confronts Congress and the American people.

Soon after the Senate convened Mr. Sullivan, Mississippi, offered a resolution that the Philippine islands are the rightful property, honorably acquired, of the United States; and that "while the misguided Filipinos continue the present war, brought on by them, against the rightful authority of the United States, so long as a single gun in their hands is trained upon our flag no expression of intention as to the future course of the United States with respect to them should be made by the Senate."

Senator Sullivan asked that the resolution lie on the table until he should call it up.

Senator Mason, Illinois, then gave notice that to morrow he would move that the Committee on Foreign Relations be discharged from further consideration of this resolution expressive of the Senate's sympathy for the Boers. As the committee clearly intends not to act upon it, he wants it placed on the calendar. He said: "The committee could give us a report if it would. If a majority of the committee is opposed to the resolution let them report it adversely. That would be making some progress. I am satisfied that ninety five per cent. of the country are in sympathy with the Boers in their war with Great Britain, and I am just as certain that a majority of this body would favor the resolution I introduced. It is the merest child's play for us to sit here and not be able to get a vote upon it."

Senator Lodge then spoke. His speech lasted three hours and was based upon the Spooner resolution authorizing the President to gov rn the Philippines pending legislation by Congress.

The death of Representative Harmer was formally announced and a committee was appointed to join the House committee in attendance upon the funeral.

At 3 50 P. M. as an additional mark of respect to Mr. Harmer, the Senate adjourned.

House of Representatives.

The death of Representative Harmer, of Pennsylvania, the "Father of the House" cast a deep gloom over the House to day. Although he was known to be in feeble health his death came as a shock to his colleagues by whom he was universally beloved. His death makes General Henry Bingham, of Pennsylvania, the "Father of the House." He began his service in the Forty sixth Congress and has served continuously for twenty years. Both in length and priority of service, Mr. Bingham is exceeded by Mr. Cannon, of Illinois, chairman of the Appropriations committee, who was first elected to the Forty-third Congress and who is serving his thirteenth term; but his term was not continuous, he having failed of re-election in the Fifty second Congress.

The vote on the Aldrich Robbins contested election case was postponed until to-morrow.

Mr. Overstreet, Indiana, in charge of the conference report upon the Financial bill, which was agreed to by the Senate yesterday, presented the report to the House. The report was ordered printed. Mr. Overstreet said he would call up the report at the earliest possible moment.

Mr. Richardson, the minority leader, said that the minority would demand time to debate it.

"There is very little now in it," said Mr. Overstreet, "practically nothing except the refunding provision."

"Certainly the bimetallic amendment is new," observed Mr. Richardson.

"That is of little importance," replied Mr. Overstreet. "I frankly say I consider it of little importance," reiterated Mr. Overstreet.

"We want time to show that," retorted Mr. Richardson, who, continuing said the minority would ask for four hours.

Without agreeing to that, the matter went over.

Mr. Bingham, Pennsylvania, then announced the death of Mr. Harmer.

The Speaker appointed the following committee to attend the funeral: Messrs. Bingham, Adams, Young, McAleer, Dalzell, Brosius, Wanger and Butler, of Pennsylvania; Ketcham, New York; McCleary, Minnesota; Babcock, Wisconsin; Richardson, Tennessee; Catchings, Mississippi; Terry, Arkansas, and Fitzgerald, Massachusetts.

At 12 25 P. M. as a further mark of respect the House adjourned.

FIRE IN PHILADELPHIA.

In the Retail Dry Goods District—Losses Estimated at Over $700,000.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

PHILADELPHIA, March 7.—A fire entailing an estimated loss of over $700,000 occurred early to-day in the retail dry goods district. The conflagration originated in the engine room of Shoneman Brothers' dry goods and millinery store, at Eighth and Arch streets.

A general alarm was sounded, but all efforts to save the building were fruitless, and it was levelled. The loss is placed at $300,000. Marks Brothers, dry goods, adjoining, was partly damaged by smoke and water, and their storehouse was completely gutted, entailing an estimated loss of $300,000. The Shoneman building was four stories and Marks' five stories in height.

The flames spread to the six-story building on Cherry street occupied by Myerhoff Brothers, manufacturers of women's and children's clothing, and the Philadelphia Electrical Equipment Company. Nothing was left of this place but the walls and the loss is placed at $200,000.

Several smaller buildings were more or less seriously damaged.

About fifteen hundred persons, men, women and children, were thrown out of employment by the fire.

SMALLPOX IN MISSISSIPPI.

Appalling State of Affairs in Hinds County—The Death Rate Exceeds 75 Per Cent.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

JACKSON, Miss., March 7.—An official report made to the Hinds county board of supervisors to day reveals an appalling state of affairs in the Jonesville neighborhood in the southern part of the county.

The community is literally honeycombed with smallpox, of the most virulent and loathsome form, and during the past six weeks nearly one hundred deaths have occurred. Some days the death rate has been so large that it was impossible to secure coffins, and rude caskets were made from rails. Whole families have been wiped out of existence and of several large families only one or two children are left. Many of the patients are now in a critical condition, are without medical attention, and dying at the rate of from three to five per day. The death rate exceeds 75 per cent. and the entire lower portion of the county is demoralized. The board of supervisors will make an effort to check further spread and at its morning session carte blanche was given to the physicians to purchase supplies and medicine. A bill for forty-three coffins used within the past two weeks was allowed.

COTTON SPINNERS' ASSOCIATION.

Meeting of Board of Governors—Programme for the May Meeting.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

CHARLOTTE, N. C., March 7.—The Board of Governors of the Southern Cotton Spinners' Association held a meeting here to-night to adopt a programme for the annual meeting of the association, May 10th and 11th proximo. Resolutions were adopted inviting the following gentlemen to speak on the subjects named: Thomas C. Search, Philadelphia, export trade; D. A. Tompkins, Charlotte, steam power; Sidney Paine, Boston, electric transmission; George Otis Draper, Thorpdale, Mass., cotton machinery; A. H. Lowe, Fichburg, Mass., fine cotton goods; James L. Orr, Piedmont, S. C., legislation; Leonard Paulson, New York, sale of goods; Hon. John T. Morgan, Alabama, Isthmian canal; R. H. Edmunds, Baltimore, American shipping; Clarke Howell, Atlanta, co-operation American manufacturers.

Ex-Secretary of the Navy Herbert has consented to preside over the meeting of the Southern men to be held in Montgomery, May 9th, 10th, and 11th, to consider the race problem.

George W. Drake, the famous mountain detective and ex-deputy United States Marshal, and a man named Ford, were shot to death last night near Torrent, Ky., by William St. John. It is reported to be the result of bad feeling of long standing.

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The Copartnership heretofore existing between A. P. Yopp and H. H. Helm, conducting a Bicycle business under name of Yopp & Helm, has this day been dissolved by mutual agreement, H. H. Helm purchasing the entire business and will hereafter conduct the same at the stand No 109 Market street. A. P. Yopp, H. H. Helm January 19th, 1900. fe 24 1m

Clover Hay, Peanut Vines, Timothy Hay Rice Straw and all kinds of feed for horses, cows and chickens. Jno. S. McEachern, 311 Market street. Telephone No. 93. fe 10 1t

Be Convinced—To my country friends: I am now better prepared than ever to handle your Produce, etc. Mr. R B. Moore is with me, and will give his personal attention to this department of the business. A S. Winstead, 113 and 115 North Second street. fe 10 1t

Please Call—We carry a full line of Crockery, Chinaware, Glassware, Lamps, Lamp Chimneys, Tinware, etc. John J. Kelly, 21 Market street. ja 16 6m

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For Sale—Hand-made Buggies of different makes. Also Harness of all kinds; and prices to suit the times. Come and see me when in need of something nice. P. M. Hayden. sep 24 1t

Why not call on Marshall & Jones for your Blacksmith and Wheelwright work. Electrical Bell work and Plumbing at their General Repair Shops, Seventeenth and Market streets? Bell 'Phone 474, Inter-State 127 call 4. Competent workmen in every department. sep 24 1t

Fine Seed Potatoes.

40 bags and bbls Houlton Early Rose.
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Also, a few White Bliss and Pearless Potatotoes.

All the above nice selected Seed Potatoes.

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Bicycles for sale, new second-hand, from $3.00 to $40.00. Bicycles, Guns, Locks and Pistols repaired. All work guaranteed. Sundries marked way down. M. & W. Tires at $6.50 per pair. Guaranteed Single Tube Tires at $5.00. M. & W. Inner Tube $1.35 each. Twentieth Century Lamps $2.00; others cheaper. Foot Pumps 50c, Hand Pumps 20c, Bells 25c. Oils, Cements, Graphite Grips, Spokes, Rails, Valves; all cheap. The Benbow Acetylene Gas Lamp for sale or rent. Call and see them at

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C. H. O'BERRY, Prop.
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Fertilizers of all kinds.
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feb 27 tf Wilmington, N. C.

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115 Cases Good Luck.
21 Cases Blue Ribbon.
46 Cases Parrot and Monkey.
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Sole agent for "Her Majesty," "American Lady" and "Dowager" Corsets, also Butterick's Patterns.

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We can do you good in these lines.

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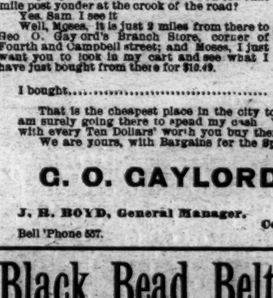

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Is nearly all in and I can show you some Nobby things in

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I have got some trading to do, and I have started there.

Well, Moses, hold on; stop right here and let me put you on a little Racket. You see that mile post yonder at the crook of the road?

Yes, Sam I see it.

Well, Moses, it is just 2 miles from there to Geo O. Gaylord's Branch Store, corner of Fourth and Campbell street; and Moses, I just want you to look in my cart and see what I have just bought from there for $10.49.

I bought.....

47 yards of White Homespun at 2¾c	$1.30
99 yards Calico, fast colors, at 4c	1.19
9 yards Feather Ticking, good quality at 12½c	1.13
10 yards pretty Worsted, goods for Sallie's dress, at 11½c	.95
1 pair Pants	.40
2 pairs Overalls, at 48c	.16
1 Man's Hat	.48
1 Boy's Hat	.94
1 Ladies' Trimmed Hat	.89
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Just see what I got for	$10.49

That is the cheapest place in the city to buy goods. Yes, Sam, I think so; and I am surely going there to spend my cash. Yes, Bud, and they will give you a present with every Ten Dollars' worth you buy there.

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